



# City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House  
15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
Council Chambers - 3rd  
Floor  
651-266-8560

## Meeting Minutes

### 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*

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Wednesday, August 7, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### 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

*Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*

**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

- 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**
- 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 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**

- 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 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.

**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**
- 27     [RES 24-1162](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointment of Hannah Riederer and Maggie Lorenz to 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.  
*Councilmember Noecker spoke in support and moved approval.*  
**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.  
*Councilmember Johnson gave an introduction.*  
*Corey Frazier from Freedom Schools gave remarks.*  
*Duane Dutrieuille from Hazel Park Preparatory Academy gave remarks.*  
*Marcus Freeman from Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet School gave remarks.*  
*Johnson gave additional remarks.*  
*Darcel Hill gave remarks.*  
*Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.*

*Councilmember Yang spoke in support.*

*Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.*

*Councilmember Jost spoke in support.*

*Council President Jalali spoke in support.*

*Johnson moved approval.*

**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.
- Councilmember Yang moved to continue the public hearing for one week for Final Adoption.*
- 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).
- Councilmember Johnson moved approval.*

**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).

*Councilmember Jost moved approval.*

**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.

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**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.

*Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*

**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.

*Councilmember Bowie moved approval.*

**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.

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

**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.

*Councilmember Yang moved approval.*

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

*Councilmember Jost moved approval.*

**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.

*Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*

**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)

*Assessment ratified and made payable over 4 years.*

*Also in attendance: Rachel Frazlin, owner/appellant*

*Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: Orders were written for removal of a desk that is shown on the screen. It got moved, but just around the corner. In Legislative Hearing, the person noted she was busy and gave a lot of reasons for why it wasn't moved. These reasons included COVID, traveling, and other things. I can't recommend deletion or reduction of an assessment based on those factors. The work was done, and this is the cost of doing the work and sending it to assessment.*

*Rachel Frazlin: I was ignorant of the law because my deceased husband managed the property. I can't lift more than 10 pounds due to back pain. I hired two people to move it behind my fence, fully expecting that it would get picked up by people who scour the neighborhood for free furniture. I didn't see the second notification. I'm managing my household alone with a disabled son, working as nurse practitioner, and dealing with other things. This ordinance drives our aging population to leave the city. This prevents elderly people from staying in their homes.*

*Councilmember Bowie moved to close public hearing. Approved 6-0*

*Council President Jalali: What are the options for payment over time in this situation?*

*Moermond: It could be made payable over 4 years.*

*Jalali: How would that work?*

*[Moermond described the assessment process]*

*Jalali: I will recommend payment over time and connect you with the Hamline Midway Coalition to see if they can help. I understand your situation.*

*Moermond: I will amend the resolution to make it payable over 4 years.*

*Jalali: I will move that.*

*Councilmember Yang: I support that. Could you describe the ordinance in question?*

*[Moermond described the relevant ordinance]*

*Councilmember Noecker: I support Jalali's motion. Our garbage contract also includes bulky item pickup and walkup service. Can the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) include that info when they write orders?*

*Moermond: We can bring it to their attention and it can be worked on. They're going through a system change right now.*

*Jalali: I would support that going forward.*

**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 finalized permits, I might have recommended pro-rating the fee down to 6 months. 4 permits remain not yet finalized. 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 the 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.*

*Councilmember 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.*

*Councilmember 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.

*Appeal denied.*

*Also in attendance:*

*Steven Schwartz, owner/appellant*

*Cindy Schwartz, owner's wife*

*Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: This is a property that had its Fire Certificate of Occupancy (FCO) revoked. The main level was a mercantile use in the past and inspected as such. The second floor was apartments. It doesn't appear the basement was previously rented. The owner rented the main level and the basement to a tenant who used it as an assembly space. This was likely done with the owner's understanding, as he makes frequent trips to the property. The assembly use would*

require adequate exiting, bathrooms, door width, and other things. There were also unlicensed liquor sales being done, with paper signs for drink costs and where to send the money in Cash App. This building was not designed for this purpose. The FCO was revoked, the tenants moved, and the property was sent to the Vacant Building Program not long after. This is an appeal of that Vacant Building Registration. The owner did not want to be in the program, and about 20 minutes into the hearing after some attempted problem solving and suggested modifications, the owner left the hearing and we could not come to a conclusion on the record. Therefore my recommendation is to deny the appeal.

Cindy Schwarz: We don't understand why this property is vacant. We always have tenants, and changeover always results in empty space. That doesn't mean it is vacant. Secondly, we don't know why this property is condemned. We never saw those photos Moermond showed or any structural issues. We just got this condemnation letter and no notification from inspectors or police beforehand. These bikers put us on the middle of this situation. Also, how can you send a condemnation and send it to the Vacant Building Program on same day? That's not supposed to happen. People were also discussing case without husband present at the property. This is why we as landlords have no rights. Police never notified us of gang activity or alcohol sales.

Council President Jalali: What is your ask?

Schwarz: We want off the Vacant Building list and the fees removed. We want to paint it and sell it.

Steve Schwarz: Unlike Moermond said, the condemnation and the vacant status happened on the same day. I'm also wondering if all those officers always show up on a first inspection.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing. Approved 6-0.

Yang: What are some other examples of things that took place beyond the alcohol sales?

Moermond: A notice went out on June 14 to owner with a correction notice stating that the business was not being used correctly and had a reinspection date of June 20. Orders were written then and another reinspection was done on June 28, when it was referred to the Vacant Building Program. Vacant Building file was opened on July 3. Schwarz was present during the inspections when information was provided. During an effort to explain the situation, he left abruptly but did return. I don't know what other discussions happened besides that. To the point about staff present for the inspections, I can't speak to that. I can only say that the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) and Police make those decisions as they see fit. I Legislative Hearing, those present aside from me and my staff were the inspector who wrote the orders, the manager for the inspection area, one of the officers present at the inspection, and a subordinate from the police commander who wanted to attend but was unable to. If there were conversations outside of the hearing, I wasn't there.

Yang: Assembly use would require a lot of changes like you mentioned, for fire safety. This seems like a proper fit for the building. They should continue conversations to pursue this use.

Moermond: The entire building is not condemned. Ordinance does allow for a portion of building be condemned. The upper floors are not condemned.

*Councilmember Noecker: A similar situation happened in my ward. What would be needed to remove the Vacant Building status?*

*Moermond: It depends on the use. Mercantile or assembly use would need a new code complaint plan with building permit applications and approved final inspections. Sufficient degradation has taken place so I think that is necessary.*

*Noecker: With this being just one month in, is it possible they could get this done quickly and have things prorated?*

*Moermond: It's possible. In this case, the hearing ended before I could discuss those options.*

*Noecker: It seems like it's in the owner's interest to talk with you and get this resolved as soon as possible.*

*Yang: I move Moermond's recommendation*

*Councilmember Bowie: Could you clarify what the recommendation is?*

*Moermond: To deny appeal and have the space registered as a Vacant Building. The condemnation is not in front of you. The condemnation order was appealed within 10 days of the order being written.*

*Councilmember Johnson: I strongly urge the owner to see what they can do to move the process along and keep dialogue open. I support Yang's motion*

**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**

*Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*

**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 [RLH TA 24-303](#) 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 [RLH TA 24-232](#) 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)

**Adopted as amended (remove within 15 days)**

- 58     [RLH TA 24-250](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 972 ORANGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)

**Adopted**

- 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**

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