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City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

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Councilmember Dan Bostrom
Councilmember Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Russ Stark
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Dave Thune
Councilmember Chris Tolbert*

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lantry at 3:30 p.m.

Present 7 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, City Council President Kathy Lantry, Councilmember Russ Stark, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Dave Thune and Councilmember Chris Tolbert

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 **AO 15-18** Amending the CDBG activity budget for the Payne/Arcade Commercial Improvement program.
Received and Filed

- 2 **AO 15-20** Amending the CDBG budget for Inspiring Communities for HRA RES 15-294 commitment of additional funding for Inspiring Communities Program: \$119,000 in CDBG funds, \$1,075,000 STAR HTF.
Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: 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 (Items 3 - 26)

Councilmember Thune moved approval of the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

- 3 RES 15-269** Approving the release of a public sewer easement in vacated Simcoe Street, granting to Lewis Park Renewal LLC a driveway access easement, and accepting a quit claim deed for property rights within vacated Woodbridge Street.
Adopted
- 4 RES 15-333** Authorizing the Department of Financial Services to expend an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the purpose of providing refreshments, and other incentives for the Capital Improvement Budget Task Force process throughout 2015.
Adopted
- 5 RES 15-217** Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Property from October through December 2014, and setting date of City Council Public Hearing for March 18, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 1502LDSRP, Assessment No. 154001)
Adopted
- 6 RES 15-218** Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Property from October through December 2014, and setting date of City Council Public Hearing for March 18, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP1502, Assessment No. 153001)
Adopted
- 7 RES 15-221** Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed October 13 to November 12, 2014, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 24, 2015 and City Council Public Hearing for May 6, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT1507, Assessment No. 158206)
Adopted

- 8 **RES 15-222** Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services from November 1 through December 30, 2014, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 24, 2015 and City Council Public Hearing for May 6, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1504P, Assessment No. 158403)
Adopted
- 9 **RES 15-223** Approving the City's cost of providing Boarding and/or Securing services during December 2014, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 24, 2015 and City Council Public Hearing for May 6, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1506B, Assessment No. 158105)
Adopted
- 10 **RES 15-224** Approving the City's cost of providing Tree Removal services during December 2014, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 24, 2015 and City Council Public Hearing for May 6, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 1504T, Assessment No. 159003)
Adopted
- 11 **RES 15-247** Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for March 18, 2015 to consider approval for reconstruction of the boulevard concrete, curbing, and trench drains along the Sims Avenue side of 931 Arcade Street. (Project No. S1509, Assessment No. 155309)
Adopted
- 12 **RES 15-245** Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for March 18, 2015 to consider approval for reconstruction of two additional sidewalk panels in front of 96 Mounds Boulevard. (Project No. S1510, Assessment No. 155310)
Adopted
- 13 **RES 15-246** Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for March 18, 2015 to consider approval for reconstruction of the boulevard sidewalk in front of 1067 Hudson Road. (Project No. S1508, Assessment No. 155308)
Adopted
- 14 **RES 15-307** Authorizing the Fire Department to accept a donation of 15 video laryngoscopes with a total value of \$94,230 from Regions Hospital.
Adopted

- 15 **RES 15-304** Approving the establishment of the rate of pay for the newly created unclassified Public Information Manager, Job Code 160050, in the Non-Represented City Managers Employee Group 17, Grade 22C.
Adopted
- 16 **RES 15-306** Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation, Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, to accept donations of refreshments and services in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from Lancer Hospitality and Como Friends through attending and participating in relationship building, appreciation, and recognition events in 2015.
Adopted
- 17 **RES 15-271** Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation, Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, to recognize Como Park Zoo and Conservatory volunteers for their valued contributions by designating funds in the amount of \$5,000 for thank you, sympathy or celebration cards; flowers for personal events in their lives; and food for volunteer recognition events held in 2015.
Adopted
- 18 **RES 15-272** Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation, Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, to purchase food for educational purposes in 2015 not to exceed \$15,000.
Adopted
- 19 **RES 15-235** Approving the renaming of three streets in Como Regional Park.
Adopted
- 20 **RES 15-277** Approving submission of a Fiscal Year 2015 Clean Water Fund Grant application for \$695,000 through the Board of Soil and Water Resources for the Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary stream lift station.
Adopted
- 21 **RES 15-270** Authorizing the Police Department to accept the training donation from Demand Abolition for continued training and policy development for the Vice unit.
Adopted
- 22 **RES 15-312** Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and a Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) licenses to The Terrace At Iris Park, LLC, d/b/a Heritage Club (License ID #20140003742) at 502 Lynnhurst Avenue East.
Adopted

23 RES 15-318 Approving adverse action against the Sidewalk Café license held by Mango, LLC, d/b/a Mango at 610 Selby Avenue.

Adopted

24 RES 15-340 Approving adverse action against all licenses held by Mee Lee Moua, d/b/a Malina's Sports Bar and Grill at 691 Dale Street North.

Adopted

25 RES 15-265 Approving adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Brad Ballard, d/b/a Quik Copy, LLC at 1317 Rice Street.

Adopted

26 RES 15-297 Accepting a donation from The Humane Society of the United States to cover the costs of travel, hotel, and registration costs for Molly Lunaris, Supervisor of Saint Paul Animal Control, to attend the Animal Expo from March 30 to April 2, 2015 in New Orleans, LA.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

27 RES 15-352 Appointing the interim Ward 7 council member filling the term of Councilmember Kathy Lantry until December 31, 2015.

Council President Lantry recused herself from the vote.

Councilmember Tolbert said five very qualified had interviewed for the interim position, and William Finney had fit the role perfectly given his credibility in the neighborhood and understanding of the City.

Councilmember Stark echoed Councilmember Tolbert's comments that they had a group of great applicants, and that Councilmember Finney rose above the others in terms of being able to step right into the role and succeed. He said he was pleased with the applicants and felt the ward would be well served by Mr. Finney.

Councilmember Brendmoen said she especially appreciated Mr. Finney's police perspective, and focus on racial equity and youth violence prevention and intervention.

Councilmember Bostrom thanked Council President Lantry for her service. He noted that Mr. Finney had been elected to the Board of Education and had been through that process and vetted by the public. He said given everything that was going on in the community, Mr. Finney was probably going to be a great fit.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - City Council President Lantry

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.

First Reading

- 28 **Ord 15-10** Granting a franchise for an additional ten-year period to Comcast of St. Paul, Inc.

Laid over to February 25 for second reading

Council members shared information about upcoming events in their wards.

The Council recessed at 3:40 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Council reconvened for Public Hearings at 5:32 p.m.

- 29 **Ord 15-5** Amending Chapters 63, 65, and 66 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to driveway setback requirements, land use standards, and business, industrial, and traditional neighborhood district uses and standards.

Council President Lantry said there was an amendment with formatting changes. Councilmember Brendmoen moved the amendment. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Tolbert asked whether this had been brought before the district councils. Jamie Radel, Planning and Economic Development (PED), said in the case of minor amendments the process was to go through the committee process and the Planning Commission process. Councilmember Tolbert said his concern was the effect on development in areas in Shepard Davern and Highland that had been changed to T2 and T4. He asked whether there was some impetus for the changes to be instituted in the near future. Ms. Radel said there were a several projects out there that were waiting to see what happened with this process. Councilmember Tolbert said this might be a good one to lay over for a month to take it to the district councils. He said he didn't really understand all of the ramifications and the impetus behind some of the changes. Ms. Radel said some of the changes were to the limited production and processing use, and a lot of the impetus was about being able to upgrade or make changes to buildings in a way that didn't create a burdensome process for the existing user within the building. She said some of the other changes pertained to circumstances that occurred very infrequently. Councilmember Tolbert said the changes appeared to be preference of planning staff rather than a solution to a burdensome existing problem. Ms. Radel said they were trying to remove the CUP trigger for existing buildings to allow reuse without as much process. She said if there was an issue with recommendations related to new buildings, that was a conversation that could take place, but they would like to be able to remove the triggers from existing buildings.

Councilmember Stark gave an example from Ward 4 in which a business in an existing industrial building in a T4 zone wanted to remove a wall within their space, which resulted in them being larger than 15,000 ft² and having to go through a CUP

process. He said removing that trigger in that type of situation made sense to him. Councilmember Tolbert asked whether it would make sense to just get rid of CUPs. Ms. Radel said they thought there was still a reason to look at new buildings.

Councilmember Thune gave an example from his ward related to an existing building.

Council President Lantry said there was notification through the Early Notification System, and that Planning never went out to district councils for an ordinance. Ms. Radel said the district councils would have been notified at many steps in the process.

Councilmember Tolbert said it was presented as a technical change and he felt it was more than that. He said quite a bit of Highland had been rezoned to T2 and T4, and the ramifications of the changes should be explained to the district councils. He questioned that removing the CUP requirement for a restaurant in T4 would not result in a change. Ms. Radel said the ordinance was drafted before the rezoning along Shepard Davern took place, and they had been thinking primarily of high intensity uses along University Avenue. She noted that 15,000 ft² would be a very large restaurant and a T4 district should be able to handle the impact of a restaurant that large.

Councilmember Stark asked whether there were any T4 districts in Shepard Davern. Jake Reilly, PED, said there was no T4 in Shepard Davern.

Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Amended; public hearing held and closed; laid over to February 25 for final adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

30 Ord 15-6

Amending Chapter 39 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code pertaining to Payroll Deductions for Nonprofit Entities.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to February 25 for final adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

31 RES PH 15-45

Approving the application of Become Co/Red Bull for a sound level variance in order to allow Snowmobile Driving, Jumping, and Production with the use of a specialized snowmobile for the Become Co/Red Bull Frozen City Project SLV #2 Event, Location 9, on Sunday, March 1, 2015 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

- 32 RES PH 15-46** Approving the application of Become Co/Red Bull for a sound level variance in order to allow Snowmobile Driving, Jumping, and Production with the use of a specialized snowmobile on Thursday, February 26, 2015 for Location 4 and on Saturday, February 28, 2015 for Location 8 for the Become Co/Red Bull Frozen City 2015 SLV #3 Event.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

- 33 RES PH 15-44** Approving the application of Become Co/Red Bull for a sound level variance in order to allow Snowmobile Driving, Jumping, and Production with the use of a specialized snowmobile during various times periods from Wednesday, February 25, 2015 through Monday, March 2, 2015 for the Become Co/Red Bull Frozen City Project SLV #1 Event.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

- 34 RES PH 15-47** Approving the application of Pro-Life Action Ministries for a sound level variance on Friday, April 3, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. for an Outdoor Event on Charles Avenue between Vandalia and Pillsbury Streets and between 671 Vandalia and 2213 Charles Avenue.

Councilmember Brendmoen said 8:00 a.m. seemed awfully early. Councilmember Stark said there were no residences in the area.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

35 APC 15-1

Public hearing to consider the appeal of Dudley Younkin and Dayton's Bluff Neighbors et al to a decision of the Planning Commission approving a conditional use permit for a 45-foot building height at 720 East Seventh Street.

Jake Reilly, Planning and Economic Development (PED), gave a staff report on the application and appeal.

Councilmember Brendmoen asked how long the site had been vacant. Council President Lantry and Mr. Reilly said it had been vacant at least ten years.

Appellant:

Dudley Younkin (406 Maple Street) said they they believe the Planning Commission committed a number of errors, most importantly involving the height calculations. He referred to a sentence in building code regulating the raising of existing grade around a new building. He distributed packet of information and commented on diagrams of the grade elevation of the site, the building elevations, and roof height. He disputed that the roof was not a mansard roof, and said the code required measurement to be made from the top. He said with a flat roof, measurement was required from the highest point, and since there was a combination of mansard and flat, the highest point was still at the top of the mansard. He said the building was a problem for the neighborhood because of the size, and permitting it would be totally ignoring the standards for the neighborhood.

Cliff Carey (635 Bates) said he had measured the site. He showed a diagram of the Stutzman Building juxtaposed against the proposed building and said the Planning Commission erred in determining that the building was in keeping with the existing properties. He said Metro State had worked with the neighbors to find a design for the parking ramp that was good for everyone, and he hoped Dominionium could do the same.

Carol Carey (635 Bates) distributed handouts, and thanked Council President Lantry for her work and support. She said she felt the Planning Commission erred as indicated in the handouts, primarily in height, scale, and massing. She said the density of the project was driving the problem, and while the community was in support of development, this was not the right fit.

Council President Lantry asked others present in support of appellant to stand.

Applicant:

Owen Metz, developer with Dominionium, said they had been working on the project for over 2 1/2 years. He thanked Mr. Reilly and staff for their hard work. He described the project, and said it had been designed in coordination and partnership with Mississippi Market and the neighborhood to create a cohesive mixed-use development. He said there were nine different formal meetings including a design charrette with 60 to 70 attendees, and the architect developed the design based on feedback and input from the meetings. He reviewed design features intended to make the project fit into the neighborhood and address neighborhood concerns and feedback, including a reduction of the housing from five to four stories. He said this was a final product that had gone through the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) and Planning Commission, and it was not financially feasible to take another

story off of the building. He reiterated that changes and mitigation were already done. He displayed a photo of roof.

Bill Griffith, from Larkin Hoffman Law Firm representing the applicant, said the Planning Commission staff had identified all criteria and all had been met. He said the height calculation had been checked and rechecked by the developer, the architect, and City staff, and they were very comfortable that it met the 45' requirement. He said they didn't find any substantial evidence to support the appeal and the record was very strong supporting the application. He said it was clear that this was in line with specific goals in the Comprehensive Plan for East Seventh Street, and he asked that the Council deny the appeal and affirm the Planning Commission's vote.

Christina Nicholson, Operations Manager for Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op, and project manager for the East Seventh Street Project, spoke about unanticipated consequences of the revocation or delay of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application, including the loss or delay of agreements with Dominium around parking and delivery truck traffic. She said sales projections were based on a core density of shoppers in the adjacent parcel, and delay of the project would directly and negatively impact sales volume. She asked that the Council deny the appeal, and she encouraged Dominium to continue to work with the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood.

Harry Melander, St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Council, spoke about the history of the site, and stressed the importance of job opportunities on the East Side. He encouraged the Council to support the Planning Commission, and he thanked Council President Lantry.

Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Council President Lantry said the height calculation presented by Mr. Younkin wasn't part of appeal documents, and she asked Mr. Reilly for clarification of the height calculations including where it was measured, whether there were errors, and were they material. She also asked for clarification slope calculation, and she noted that the site was very steep. Mr. Reilly said he received communication from Mr. Younkin on Tuesday February 17, referencing the height calculation. He said there was a typo in the table of measurements, but the same numbers were correct when referenced elsewhere. Council President Lantry asked whether the 45' requirement was met; she said she just wanted to make sure they were talking about a CUP and not a variance. Mr. Reilly said the requirement was met, 100%. He said the typo was in a perimeter calculation, not a height calculation. In addressing the slope calculation he said the original applicant provided two sets of drawings showing grade - the 90% drawings and construction level drawings - and the height continued to be 9" below the 45'. Council President Lantry asked for clarification of definition of roof. Mr. Reilly looked at the roof diagram of roof provided by Mr. Younkin and clarified where the measurements were taken from and how the roof differed from a mansard roof.

Councilmember Brendmoen said it made sense to measure from the top of the roof rather than from the top of the architectural detail, because doing otherwise would present a disincentive for adding those attractive details.

Council President Lantry asked how the slope was calculated. Mr. Reilly said the international building code was used to calculate slope.

Council President Lantry said she would move to deny the appeal. She said the site was intentionally zoned to T2 in September 2012, with the knowledge that a height of 45' would be allowed with a CUP. She said people were in favor of more transit on the east side, but that wouldn't happen without density. In reference to Mr. Carey's

drawing, she said the proposed building looked large because the site had been vacant so long. She said putting Mississippi Market on Maple and the housing

development on the Bates side was intentional to provide a transition between Metro State and the rest of the neighborhood. She said she found no error in the Planning Commission's decision, and she noted that the HPC decision was not appealed.

Councilmember Stark said the appeal seemed to be based on the fact that a mistake was made, but according to staff there was no error. He said the other concerns were just concerns but not errors to support the appeal. He said he appreciated the concerns but felt this would be a positive change. He said folks always wanted to see retail, but there had to be residents first. He said it was important to keep this kind of investment going in St. Paul.

Council President Lantry said the styling of this building was pretty intentional and not required by the code. She said there was an intention to add architectural details that weren't just average new construction. She said she appreciated the testimony and passion.

Councilmember Bostrom said providing affordable, senior buildings in neighborhoods would open up other affordable housing stock as people move out of their homes.

Motion of Intent - Appeal denied

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

36 RES PH 15-20

Final Order approving construction along Snelling Avenue North from Selby Avenue to Pierce Butler Route with above standard street lighting and other improvements as needed; and approving the annual operation and maintenance costs for said lighting, to be assessed to benefitted properties via the Right-of-Way program. (File No. 19179, Assessment No. 155100)

Paul St. Martin, Public Works (PW), gave a brief staff report on the project. He said MNDot would be doing a mill and overlay on Snelling Avenue this year, in coordination with the MetroTransit A Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project. He said along with the mill and overlay, the City and MNDot were adding some elements identified in the multimodal study completed in January 2013. He said the cost of the sidewalks and streetscape would be covered by MNDot and City funding and not assessed to the property owners, but the above standard street lighting would be assessed to property owners at 100% per City policy.

Councilmember Brendmoen asked why the State was not paying a portion of the lighting costs, as they would on a normal state highway project. Mr. St. Martin said the City work was being done in conjunction with the State mill and overlay project, which would not include replacement of the standard highway lighting. In response to a question from Councilmember Brendmoen related to project timing, Mr. St. Martin said since the State mill and overlay included ADA sidewalk upgrades, and the A Line BRT Project was doing some curb and sidewalk work, it made sense for the City to replace the rest of the sidewalks. He said it represented a project expansion, but Public Works felt it was an efficient use of funds while MNDot's contractor was out there working.

Mr. St. Martin said one area of concern had to do with the proposed parking lane and sidewalk width. He said currently Snelling had some 11' wide parking bays and 6-7'

wide sidewalks, and the proposal was for a 9' parking lane with the extra 2' added to the sidewalk. He said the extra sidewalk width would allow the new lighting to be set back from the curb, would keep the sidewalks ADA accessible and provide plenty of room for pedestrians, and provide a separation from the parking bay. He said Public Works staff was comfortable with it, and noted that plenty of other streets with high volumes of traffic had 8' parking bays. He said the resolution before the Council was just for the above standard street lighting.

Councilmember Stark referred to Councilmember Brendmoen's questions, and clarified that the project would not be happening in 2015 except that the A Line Project was funded for 2015 and MNDot decided that since a mill and overlay was coming up anyway the projects could be done at the same time.

Councilmember Thao asked about the type of lighting in terms of public safety and encouraging people to be out and around. Mr. St. Martin said the existing lighting lit the roads, and the proposed twin lantern lighting would illuminate the sidewalk and make it more inviting. He said the street would be lit to a very high level when the project was completed.

In opposition:

Gary Carlson said his family owned several buildings on Snelling between Minnehaha and Englewood. He said the problem with the lighting was that it was robbing two feet from the parking lane. He said people were already parking in the traffic lane in the winter, and heavy truck traffic created safety issues. He said customers wouldn't come back if parking was crowded and unsafe, and the City was developing in such a way that there wasn't enough off-street parking to support the customers. He said the twin lantern lighting might work in some areas but in heavy

traffic areas the loss of parking space would make customers uncomfortable. He said decorative lighting was not needed in areas with short sidewalks and lots of businesses, and he felt the current lighting was adequate. He referred to a plan developed based on results of a 2012 MNDot study, and said he felt it was being disregarded.

Susan Shepperd, property owner at 637 N. Snelling, said the decorative lighting was an unnecessary expense and would only be highlighting shabby buildings, especially north of I-94.

David Dosse, property owner at 225 and 227 Snelling said the cost was what was driving him crazy. He said for him it would be \$15,000 for unnecessary lights; he said the City needed to find another way to fund the project or make it less expensive.

Nick Curtis, property owner 678 North Snelling, said they relied on the parking in front of his business. He said the parking lane was currently 10.5' and not 11', and he asked whether they would be reducing it to 8.5' or 9'. He said with the semi traffic on Snelling he would not want to park on Snelling, especially in the winter. He said with snow plowed against the curb, the parking lane was already at 9' in the winter, and people parked on the side streets. He said they had 85' of front footage and would be charged \$13,000, and he questioned the high cost. He said decorative lighting would make more sense in areas without parking bays as Mr. Carlson mentioned. He said they had been in the same location for 28 years but if they were assessed \$13,000 they would start to look elsewhere. He suggested the City use taxes and assessments already paid.

Michael Schifske, with Ashland, business owner at 699 Snelling, said he concurred with the previous speakers regarding parking. He said they encountered improvement requests throughout the country and had never seen a request of this

magnitude per lineal foot for lighting. He asked whether any other lighting options had been explored. He said they understood and appreciated the need for lighting but felt the cost was not in line with the project.

Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Stark asked why the lighting was so expensive. Mr. St. Martin said the estimated cost included materials, installing foundations and installing conduit, and all labor. He said they liked to estimate on the higher side, and the final assessment might be lower. Councilmember Stark asked whether, based on other areas, Mr. St. Martin felt this estimate was pretty close. Mr. St. Martin said he felt it was.

Councilmember Stark said he appreciated that the assessment was high. He said it was an unusual plan in that the extra items associated with the multimodal plan were being done along with a mill and overlay rather than along with a full reconstruction. In response to comments from Mr. Carlson related to the lights being added to the plan later, he said the lights were consistent with the plan. He said it was true that there was a lot of truck traffic along Snelling and people had to be careful, and the plan wouldn't change that. He said the intention was to try to find a way to reduce the assessment before ratification in the fall, and he was committed to using year-round STAR and continuing to work with Planning and Economic Development (PED) and PW to reduce the assessment further. He said he would move approval with the caveat that he'd work hard to reduce the assessment. In response to Ms. Shepperd's comment about decorative lights and ugly buildings, he said improvement had to start somewhere and it was important to invest in the street now.

Councilmember Brendmoen said she appreciated Councilmember Stark's efforts to reduce the assessment, and she acknowledged the concerns of the business owners about costs. She said Snelling was a challenging street, and she was also committed to working to reduce the assessments.

Councilmember Thao said the Council had heard these concerns about parking and narrowing of the street again and again. He asked that the Council pay a lot of attention to snow removal and pretend they lived on that street. He said he appreciated the tax base provided by the businesses and hated to ask for more, but Snelling was an important entry to and exit from St. Paul and told a story. He said everyone had to contribute to creating the brand, and he was committed to helping Councilmember Stark find funding.

In response to a question from Councilmember Bostrom, Mr. St. Martin clarified that traffic bays would be reduced by 2' in width, and only in areas with traffic bays, and the traffic lanes would remain 11' wide. He said and by comparison, East 7th Street had 10' traffic lanes with 8' parking lanes and carried a lot of traffic. Councilmember Bostrom said his concern was being able to keep two full traffic lanes open while still providing parking for the businesses and space for snow storage, without placing additional burden on the businesses. Mr. St. Martin said the total amount of area being provided for pedestrians, parking, and snow would not change, but would just be divided up differently. He noted that sometimes in business areas snow had to be removed. Councilmember Bostrom said it was important for PW to be careful about snow removal.

Councilmember Tolbert said these were the same lights that were added on Ford Parkway and Cleveland Avenue, and they looked good and made a world of difference on the visual impact of the neighborhood. He said they would be a good addition on Snelling Avenue.

Council President Lantry said on East 7th near the Stutzman Building, where there

was lots of truck traffic, there was an 8' parking bay and two 10' traffic lanes, and somehow it worked.

Councilmember Bostrom said he didn't want citizens to end up taking their business to Roseville or Maplewood because they couldn't find parking in front of St. Paul businesses.

Councilmember Stark said he appreciated the comments about how critical snow removal was.

Councilmember Thao said they encountered similar issues on University, and he felt it could be worked through together. He said he hopes businesses wouldn't leave, and he appreciated their commitment and investment. He said property owners shouldn't hesitate to reach out if there were parking or snow removal problems.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

37 RES PH 15-22

Final Order approving the construction of the improvement of street paving, lighting and all other work in the Como/Chatsworth Residential Street Vitality Project area. (File No. 19167, Assessment No. 155203)

Council President Lantry explained that item would be laid over to March 18 due to notice issue.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Brendmoen moved to continue the public hearing to March 18.

Public hearing continued to March 18

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

38 RES PH 15-36

Final Order approving replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Maryland Avenue at Payne Avenue reconstruction project. (Project No. 19178C, Assessment No. 156004)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

39 RES PH 15-17

Final Order approving a street paving and lighting improvement along Third Street East from Arcade Street to Johnson Parkway. (File No. 19169, Assessment No. 155202)

In opposition:

Theresa Nichols said she had very recently moved from Hamline Midway near the Light Rail. She said she didn't feel they'd been given enough information to assess the costs and benefits, and were out of town when the notice of the informational meeting arrived and weren't able to attend. She said it felt rushed, and she asked whether it would increase her property values or be worth the \$3700 assessment. She said the Light Rail project was poorly managed and unsafe, and hadn't improved property values nearby. She said they didn't feel the improvements on Third Street would increase safety, and it was a lot of work and expense that might not be worth it. She said the extra green space sounded nice but if people could afford that they might live elsewhere. She said she was sensitive to noise and vibrations due to a traumatic brain injury. She said a lot of other people used the street and would benefit, yet her neighbors were being assessed. She said people in this neighborhood didn't have that much money.

Bob Holmes (1011 Third Street) said he agreed with previous speaker, and had a problem with a \$3700 assessment. He said he lived in this area because of the low tax rate. He said they were not provided with a breakdown, and paying over 20 years was still a lot of money. He said it seemed like a lot of money for minimal change.

Council President Lantry moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Council President Lantry noted that the assessment rate was just a percentage of the total cost, and a portion of each resident's property taxes went to improving other people's streets. She said streets had a finite useful life and Third Street was beyond its useful life. She acknowledged it was very inconvenient, but Public Works tried to work efficiently and in the end there was a street with a more useful life. She said it was shot and couldn't repaired anymore, and had gotten the most complaints this past winter. She moved approval, and referred the residents to Lynn Moser, Real Estate, for answers to specific questions.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

40 RES PH 15-27

Ratifying the assessment for lantern style lighting installed on Jefferson Avenue from Lexington Avenue to Seventh Street West. (File No. 19086, Assessment No. 105127)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Thune

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Tolbert

41 RES PH 15-31 Accepting a grant/donation from the Central Corridor Funders Collaborative in the amount of \$10,000 for community promotion through The Line online magazine, and authorizing expenditure of the \$10,000 grant and \$6,000 from the City's Marketing Budget to further community development through publication of The Line.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Thune

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Tolbert

42 RES PH 15-43 Authorizing an increase in the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund Budgets in the amount of \$72,767 to reflect grant awards received from the Bush Foundation, the Bremer Foundation, and the Pohlad Foundation to aid and support the City's Right Track youth job program.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Thune

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Tolbert

43 RES PH 15-49 Accepting Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) and Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Grants from the Metropolitan Council and Contamination Cleanup Grants from the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and amending the 2015 Budget.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION

- 52 **RLH TA 15-40** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 941 CYPRESS STREET.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond gave a staff report on the assessment for a vacant building fee. She said the building was in the program for four months of the year being billed, but 12 months' worth of waivers had been granted for the property. She recommended the Council approve half of the year. She said the appellant raised the issue of the City taking too much time to do inspections, but she didn't feel there was a significant issue.

In opposition:

Pavel Sakurets appeared and said he would like to oppose the entire vacant building fee. He said at the last Council meeting they were given to the end of the year to complete the work, and were told they'd be able to pull the necessary permits. He said they were not able to pull any permits for three weeks. He said they pulled permits as soon as red flag was cleared, but it took three weeks for (Inspector) Jim Seeger to produce the vacant building registration because he was on vacation. He said they completed the work by the end of the year and passed the electrical inspection but weren't able to schedule the mechanical and building inspections because of the holidays. He said the mechanical inspector made an error in reporting which lead to a further delay. He said he was delayed for a total of two months by the City and was asking for the whole fee to be removed. He said he did everything in his power and had the whole project completed by the end of the year.

Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Bostrom asked how long the building had been in the vacant buildings program. Ms. Moermond said there was a fire in September 2013 and the building entered the vacant building program with a 90 day waiver. She said there were three subsequent waivers, which should have more than compensated for any delays. She said one year had gone unpaid and the issue was one half of the second year, and with four exemptions she felt the City was being more than generous. She said she had reviewed the delays and didn't think they were exorbitant. In response to a question from Councilmember Bostrom, she said her recommendation was to approve the assessment reduced from its original amount by half, or a total of \$797.

Councilmember Bostrom moved to adopt Ms. Moermond's recommendation.

Adopted (assessment reduced from \$1595 to \$797)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

- 66 **RLH RR 15-3** Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 600 IDAHO AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the February 18, 2015, City Council Public Hearing.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said the original Legislative Hearing had been continued to the previous Tuesday. She said the letter sent regarding the date of the Council public hearing did not mention the continued Legislative Hearing, but a revised letter was sent. She said the standard expectations were set for

granting time for rehabilitation, and a code compliance had been applied for that day but none of the other conditions had been met. She said given the lack of follow up and communication since the Legislative Hearing, her recommendation was to order removal of the structure within 15 days. In response to a question from Council President Lantry, she said the building had been vacant since December 2010.

Gary Evers, attorney representing Bayview Loan Servicing, said his firm was retained on the morning of the original Legislative Hearing, and he went to the hearing and requested additional time without having communicated with his client. He said in the meantime they had had an appraisal done and submitted funds for a code compliance, but the lender wouldn't pay the \$5000 performance bond until code compliance report came back. He said they would like two weeks after receiving the code compliance reports to review them and make decision about whether to proceed with repairs. He said Bayview was an institutional lender based out of Florida and things moved slowly.

Councilmember Brendmoen said the Council had been in this situation before, always at the 11th hour, and in the meantime these properties were deteriorating and bringing down neighbors' property values. Mr. Evers said in this case the lender's appraisal differed from that of the City, and to him and the lender it seemed to make sense to retain a home instead of tearing it down and having an empty lot. He said if the Council couldn't wait three weeks for the lender to make that determination it didn't make sense to him.

Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Bostrom asked whether the matter could be reconsidered if the Council ordered the building removed and the lender came back with the \$5000. He said he would be willing to do that if they came back with the \$5000 within 15 days, but if the Council's action didn't have some teeth nothing would happen. Ms. Moermond suggested asking that a certain amount of money be set aside for the rehabilitation in addition to the performance bond. She said DSI estimated that it would exceed \$50,000, and she recommended that the Council ask for a dedication of \$50,000 in the form of an affidavit from the company.

Councilmember Bostrom said if the lender had been holding the mortgage on the property for a period of time, that didn't seem unreasonable. He moved to approve Ms. Moermond's recommendation.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

Note: 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 (Items 44 - 95)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved approval of the Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda as amended.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

- 44 RLH TA 15-34** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 1561 ALBANY AVENUE. (Project No. amended to VB1503A, Assessment No. 158809)
Public hearing continued to March 4
- 45 RLH TA 15-9** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 1064 ARGYLE STREET.
Adopted as amended (assessment reduced from \$1595 to \$400)
- 46 RLH TA 15-28** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 1531 ALAMEDA STREET.
Adopted
- 47 RLH CO 15-2** Appeal of Allison Klis to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 570 ASBURY STREET.
Adopted
- 48 RLH TA 15-33** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 1196 ASHLAND AVENUE.
Adopted
- 49 RLH TA 15-85** Amending Council File RLH AR 14-74 to delete the service charge assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection services billed May 22 to June 20, 2014 at 416 BAY STREET. (File No. J1502E, Assessment No. 158301)
Adopted

- 50 **RLH TA 15-32** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 1251 BLAIR AVENUE.
Adopted
- 51 **RLH TA 15-50** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 963 CASE AVENUE.
Adopted
- 53 **RLH TA 15-30** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 1171 DAYTON AVENUE.
Adopted
- 54 **RLH TA 14-711** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1503E, Assessment No. 158302 at 1205 EDGERTON STREET. (Amended to File No. J1503E2, Assessment No. 158305) (Public hearing continued from February 4)
Public hearing continued to March 4
- 55 **RLH TA 15-39** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 964 EUCLID AVENUE.
Adopted
- 56 **RLH TA 15-12** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 1340 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE.
Adopted
- 57 **RLH TA 15-20** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 1041 FREMONT AVENUE.
Adopted
- 58 **RLH FCO 15-9** Appeal of Charles Nosie to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1126 FOURTH STREET EAST.
Adopted
- 59 **RLH VO 15-2** Appeal of Kay M. Smith to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1306 FOURTH STREET EAST.
Adopted

- 60 **RLH TA 15-36** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 770 FULLER AVENUE.
Adopted
- 61 **RLH RR 15-1** Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 424 GOODRICH AVENUE within five (5) days after the February 18, 2015, City Council Public Hearing.
Adopted
- 62 **RLH RR 15-2** Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 210 GRAND AVENUE within ninety (90) days after the February 18, 2015 City Council Public Hearing.
Adopted
- 63 **RLH RR 14-27** Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 699 HAWTHORNE AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the February 4, 2015, City Council Public Hearing.
Referred to Legislative Hearings on March 10; Council public hearing continued to March 18
- 64 **RLH FCO 15-11** Appeal of Ronald O. Christenson to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1406 HAZEL STREET NORTH.
Adopted
- 65 **RLH TA 15-10** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. 1502T, Assessment No. 159001 at 1586 HAZEL STREET NORTH.
Adopted
- 67 **RLH TA 15-35** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. 1502T, Assessment No. 159001 at 36 KENWOOD PARKWAY.
Adopted
- 68 **RLH TA 15-11** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. 1502T, Assessment No. 159001 at 38 KENWOOD PARKWAY.
Adopted
- 69 **RLH TA 14-705** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1503E1, Assessment No. 158304 at 605 LAFOND AVENUE.
Adopted

- 70 **RLH TA 15-29** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 641 LEXINGTON PARKWAY NORTH.
Adopted
- 71 **RLH TA 15-107** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 713 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST.
Adopted as amended (payments spread over 3 years)
- 72 **RLH TA 15-83** Amending Council File RLH AR 14-71 to delete the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection services from April 1 to May 21, 2014 at 1493 MARGARET STREET. (File No. J1501E, Assessment No. 158300)
Adopted
- 73 **RLH TA 15-3** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1504G, Assessment No. 158703 at 134 MARIA AVENUE.
Adopted
- 74 **RLH TA 15-8** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 1509 MARSHALL AVENUE.
Adopted
- 75 **RLH TA 15-42** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 455 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST (NOTE: FOUR PLEX: 1221 ARUNDEL ST, 461 AND 467 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST)
Adopted
- 76 **RLH FCO
14-179** Appeal of Delores Caldwell to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1867 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 77 **RLH TA 15-106** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 984 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 78 **RLH TA 15-68** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1504G, Assessment No. 158703 at 1036 MINNNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.
Adopted

- 79 **RLH RR 14-15** Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 1164 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST within fifteen (15) days after the August 20, 2014, City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing continued from August 20, September 17 and December 3, 2014) (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on April 28, 2015 and City Council Public Hearing on May 20, 2015)
- Referred to Legislative Hearings on April 28; Council public hearing continued to May 20**
- 80 **RLH TA 15-26** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 1736 NEBRASKA AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 81 **RLH TA 15-38** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 1976 NEBRASKA AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 82 **RLH TA 15-41** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 1087 RANDOLPH AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 83 **RLH TA 15-19** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 613 ROSE AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 84 **RLH TA 14-669** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1504A1, Assessment No. 158517 at 673 SHERBURNE AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 85 **RLH TA 15-47** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1502A1, Assessment No. 158512 at 582 SIMPSON STREET.
- Adopted**
- 86 **RLH TA 15-48** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1502G1, Assessment No. 158706 at 582 SIMPSON STREET.
- Adopted**

- 87 **RLH TA 15-21** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 537 SUPERIOR STREET.
Adopted
- 88 **RLH TA 15-1** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802 at 452 THOMAS AVENUE.
Adopted
- 89 **RLH VBR 15-6** Appeal of Michael Peterson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1236 VIRGINIA STREET.
Adopted
- 90 **RLH FCO 15-6** Appeal of Susan Bushard to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy with Deficiencies at 426 WABASHA STREET SOUTH.
Adopted
- 91 **RLH TA 15-4** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504 at 1243 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH.
Adopted
- 92 **RLH AR 15-13** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Fees billed December 6, 2013 to August 26, 2014. (File No. VB1503, Assessment No. 158802)
Adopted as amended (1690 Reaney Avenue removed from the roll for separate consideration)
- 93 **RLH AR 15-12** Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services from October 1 to 30, 2014. (File No. J1505A, Assessment No. 158504)
Adopted
- 94 **RLH AR 15-11** Ratifying the assessments for Trash Hauling services from October 1 to 29, 2014. (File No. J1504G, Assessment No. 158703)
Adopted as amended (699 Ivy Avenue East removed from the roll for separate consideration)
- 95 **RLH AR 15-10** Ratifying the assessments for Tree Removal services during October 2014. (File No. 1502T, Assessment No. 159001)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Brendmoen moved adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

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