



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Please see the meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

Present 7 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 21-34](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 21-15.
Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. If discussion on an item is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Council President Brendmoen said we are pulling Items 2 and 18.

*Councilmember Jalali moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.
7 in favor, none opposed*

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 21-457](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean services during February 16 to 25, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 18, 2021 and City Council public hearing for July 7, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2118A, Assessment No. 218527)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 21-510](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay: Arlington Avenue from East Shore Dr. to White Bear. (File No. MO1900, Assessment No. 195501)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 21-524](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay: Downtown project area. (Project No. MO2008, Assessment No. 205500)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 21-526](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay: Eustis Street. (Project No. MO2001, Assessment No. 205501)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-528](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay: Mississippi River Boulevard. (Project No. MO2005, Assessment No. 205503)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-531](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay: Territorial Avenue. (Project No. MO2006, Assessment No. 205504)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-533](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay: Cromwell Avenue. (Project No. MO2009, Assessment No. 205506)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 21-535](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay: Suburban Avenue. (Project No. MO2010, Assessment No. 205507)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 21-537](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program-Mill and Overlay: Downtown (Delayed from 2019). (Project No. MO2011, Assessment No. 205508)

Adopted

- 12 [RES 21-560](#) Supporting the request for federal funding to develop a training and jobs program to support the planting and maintenance needs of the overall emerald ash borer management program.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 21-561](#) Supporting the City's request for federal funding for dredging in the Mississippi River.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 21-562](#) Supporting the request for federal funds to purchase 600 portable radios for sworn officers who respond to Saint Paul and mutual-aid community public safety needs.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 21-565](#) Approving the Settlement in Arman v. City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 21-569](#) Approving amendments to the CERT Joint Powers Agreement.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 21-571](#) Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to enter into a joint powers agreement to operate a HUD Section 3 Compliance Program on behalf of the Counties of Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington and Anoka, and the Public Housing Authority in Minneapolis.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 21-473](#) Establishing the rates of pay for the Animal Services Officer I-III series in EG 01, AFSCME, in Grades 028, 032, and 035, respectively. (Laid over from April 7)

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES 21-486](#) Changing the rate of pay for Heavy Equipment Operator-Water and abolishing the classification of Revolving Power Equipment Operator. (Laid over from April 7)

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

FOR DISCUSSION

- 2 [RES 21-449](#) Consenting to the sale of General Obligation Library Refunding Bonds, Series 2021D to be issued by the Saint Paul Public Library Agency for the refunding of prior bonds and levying a tax for the payment thereof.

Solomon gave a report last week, said Council President Brendmoen. This item is pulled so we can amend it to include the bond sale today.

Mike Solomon, Treasurer, said they took bids this morning on the 2021 D Library refunding bonds. These bonds will refinance the 2010 bonds that helped to build the library portion of the Arlington Community Center. They received 4 bids and got an interest cost of 1.57%. Since they refinanced for interest rates savings, they were able to realize \$527,000 present value savings, which is more than 10% of debt service they were refinancing. A good story to save some dollars and a great result.

Councilmember Prince thanked the staff and said she is grateful for the current economy that is giving us a fabulous interest rate.

*Prince moved the amended version.
7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted as amended*

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

18 [RES 21-572](#) Declaring April 2021 as Fair Housing Month in Saint Paul.

Council President Brendmoen said we do this on a regular basis. Patrick Ruble and Brian Wagner are in attendance.

Ruble gave his background. He is past president of SPAAR. Diversity, equity, inclusion, and fair housing are dear to him. He thanked the Council for adopting this resolution. Realtors endeavor to be fair to every one everyday. As a realtor, they are committed to the goals outlined in the fair housing act.

Brian Wagner says the goals have yet to be fully realized. He gave an example of discrimination: one couple wrote a letter because they did not get a house because they were gay. Wagner said he is a proud member of the realtors. His office is on Grand Avenue. They made an effort to promote fair housing. (He mentioned some things he worked on.) He is committed to upholding the ideas set forth.

Councilmember Prince thanked Ruble and Wagner. It's amazing hat the Saint Paul Area Association of Realtor has been a partner in Saint Paul and its housing efforts. How meaningful your comments are today. This Council passed a resolution committing to the exploration of reparations in Saint Paul. She wants to thank them in their reparations work as they move forward.

Councilmember Noecker echoed Prince's comments. They did an excellent job of balancing the powers and limits of legislation.

*7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

There were separate votes to suspend the rules for all four suspension items.

[SR 21-68](#)

Staff Report from City Attorney Lindsey Olson regarding Just Deeds.

Lyndsey Olson, City Attorney, said this is a coalition to dismantle discrimination, mapping prejudice. They heard from this organization a year and a half ago. They just finished mapping Ramsey County. She appreciates being here today. This is all coming together. In 2019, there was Minnesota Legislation to allow property owners to erase the covenant. They would like to lead an effort to assist people to erase these covenants. In this way, they are actively working to dismantle these consequences. With that, she will turn it over to questions about their work and what they can expect.

Councilmember Noecker said she mentioned a resolution. What are the budget implications? Council President Brendmoen responded said this was entered as a staff report. They can put together something for next week. The resolution is a recognition and actual approval for our participation. It will take staff time.

Councilmember Prince said this ties in with the City Council's commitment to explore reparations. Through this program, someone will be able to contact someone in the office to research their deed and determine if there was a covenant they can remove and assist in that process. Is there any role for volunteer attorneys to assist with that? Olson, yes there is a role for volunteer attorneys. The Just Deeds website has a link for attorneys to volunteer. Both of those things are available.

Prince said what would that process look like. Olson responded they are working with mapping prejudice. The Saint Paul properties have been mapped. They need the property owners involved in that process as well. They would do some proactive outreach. They would plan to do social media engagement and set up ways for people to contact us as well. If they see it, they can contact us. They will want to set up avenues for people to hear about the project.

Councilmember Yang said she is excited to hear that the CA will be doing this work. What is the more common racial covenant that will be coming her way? How long will the City Attorneys office be doing this work? Will we hire more city attorneys? Olson responded she does not know the details of the covenant. They are not planning to hire people to do this. This would be a pro bono of the office. The staff are very excited and willing to do this work. As long as there are covenants to delete, they will be doing this. They do the work as long as it needs to be done.

Received and Filed

[RES 21-632](#)

Memorializing a decision of the City Council to deny an appeal by Alatus, LLC from a planning commission decision denying a site plan application for a new mixed use development located at 411 and 417 Lexington Parkway North.

Councilmember Thao thanked his colleagues for their input. It was an important vote for the community.

Council President Brendmoen said this is procedural.

Thao moved approval.

4 in favor, 3 opposed

No – Tolbert, Yang, Brendmoen

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert and Councilmember Noecker

[RES 21-636](#)

Affirming the Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency issued April 12, 2021 by Mayor Melvin Carter III.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES 21-629](#)

Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with the State of Minnesota Department of Health to provide emergency medical standby services for the FEMA vaccination site at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Councilmember Noecker thanked the Chief for always being conscientious about not bringing items under suspension. He expressed how he tries to get these things in.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

FOR DISCUSSION

- 21** [RES 21-594](#) Amending the City's Adopted Legislative Agenda for the 2021 Legislative Session.
- Councilmember Prince said she would like to make the following amendments. It would create a final vote point on economic justice and inclusion. "Support direct appropriation for job training and work force development of underserved communities."*
- Council President Brendmoen supports the amendment.*
- Prince moved the amended version.
7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted as amended*
- Adopted as amended**

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at three separate council meetings and becomes effective after passage by the Council and 30 days after publication in the Saint Paul Legal Ledger. Public hearings on ordinances are held at the second reading.

First Reading

- 22** [Ord 21-12](#) Granting the application of Hovda Properties LLC to rezone property at 1219 Saint Clair Avenue from B1 local business to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.
- Council President Brendmoen said this is first reading.*
- Councilmember Tolbert said he does not need a staff report, but staff is on the line for questions.*
- Ordinance is laid over to April 21 for second reading/public hearing*
- Laid over to April 21 for second reading/public hearing**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 23 [RES PH 21-49](#) Final Order approving the reconstruction of streets in the 2021 Saint Paul Streets Program. (Project 19233, Assessment 215200)

Councilmember Tolbert said staff is on the line. This is a street reconstruction project. There are 2 streets included in this: Edgcumbe Road and Edgcumbe Place. There are a substantial amount of e-mails. Some neighbors from Edgcumbe Place have put together a You Tube video. This is the same project, but there are 2 distincts. There are concerns that are unique to each. The project today is to go forward so Public Works can get a contractor to do the construction project this summer. There are concerns about specifics and specific properties and some of those conversations are ongoing. Edgcumbe Road is the larger road. It is a parkway that goes from Edgcumbe Park down to Highland Park park.

Tolbert continued: much of the concerns were the addition of sidewalks where they currently don't have sidewalks. Subsequently, the conversation turned to the placement of the sidewalks. There are objections of tree loss during the construction project and to make way of some of the sidewalks. This group of neighbors have put together alternative plans to what it will look like. The underlying issue is the project of adding sidewalks where the sidewalks are not wanted. This street is an important connection to the largest parks in the Highland area. It is a central component to pedestrian safety. He does not like to see strollers in streets. Sidewalks are important for people of all ages and mobility. He believes that sidewalks are important in a City for safety and connectedness. Currently, there is not a sidewalk from the northern part of the neighborhood to the park. You have to walk in the street or go miles out of your way to get to Highland Pool, multiple playgrounds, or the golf course.

Public Works has worked with the neighbors. They are not able to meet all the requests. Public Works has stayed within the City's right-of-away. They are not interested in acquiring land. It is important that a minimum width is needed for big rigs, ambulances. Sidewalks against the street are difficult when you have to plow it and shovel it. This is a unique stretch. It is a parkway and parkland. Now everything has been resolved, but Public Works has been talking to individual neighbors. For this project and Edgcumbe Place, this is major reconstruction. Public Works has done a good job. Sidewalks are important for the greater neighborhood.

Edgcumbe Place is unique. The road basically goes into a cul-de-sac. There has been objections for this part of the stretch because in order for Public Works to operate in the current right of way, it would move where the existing road is. It's harder to explain than to see visually. Residents have objected to that. He has talked to Public Works about this. He has a few questions with Peterson about potential of residents. They are willing to deed property over to the City. That would be a legal mechanism to give the City the property. The City is not interested in obtaining property.

Nick Peterson, Public Works, is here.

Tolbert asked what a path would be, what Public Works could do in order to potentially be deeded land and move the street to where the existing is, what that would look like, and the timeline. Peterson responded there is an interest in Public Works continuing to be flexible with Edgcumbe Place. There is an opportunity for the neighbors and Public Works to collaborate a bit. If there is an instrument acceptable to Public Works and City Attorney and executed by May 5, they could implement some design changes before the contractor gets started. Edgcumbe Place is narrower. It is

unique. There are challenges out there.

Tolbert said Public Works is open to having that conversation if certain things are met. Even if property is legally deeded over to the City, it might not solve all the objections: keeping trees, structures. Peterson responded that is correct. There would be some construction impacts. There would be a need to be understanding to construct a road. There are still some of those risks from a construction standpoint. They are happy to have an instrument and design by May 5. Also, there is a potential risk with a right-of-way transfer.

Tolbert said it might not solve all the problems and may not be feasible, but it is important for residents to know. The construction machines are big and shake the ground. The other thing: some people have written in about where the project plans have been. If you go to stpaul.gov and Public Works, they are on the Griggs Sheffer paving project Phase 2. They have been there for months. In RSVP reconstruction projects, they are important beyond sidewalks and road. They also switch out water pipes and sewer pipes. What is going on under the street is as important as what is going on above the street. He will support this. Edgcumbe Place neighbors can work with Public Works to get the easements that will move the road and leave the City without any legal claims against it.

Councilmember Yang said there were people who were concerned with tree loss. What is the plan around that? Tolbert responded some trees will not make it through the construction project, but they will be replaced. Rick responded that yes, trees will be replaced. We anticipating a net increase. There are 50 vacant tree planting location where trees did not survive. They would be replanted. The trees removed will be replaced one to one. Working with Forestry partners in the Corridor, they try to put in more trees where they can.

Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

24 [RES PH 21-87](#)

Authorizing application and acceptance of a grant from the State of Minnesota to predesign and design the Playwrights' Center facility in an amount up to \$850,000; amending the 2021 City budget upon acceptance of said grant; and approving and authorizing execution of a State Grant Agreement and other necessary documents in connection therewith (District 12, Ward 4).

Councilmember Jalali said she is looking for a staff report.

(No one here)

Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

25 [RES PH 21-90](#)

Authorizing a Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development application for Minnesota Investment Funds in an amount up to \$600,000 on behalf of Kalera, Inc. and authorizing execution of a State Grant Agreement.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

26 [RES PH 21-91](#)

Approving the establishment of the Ford Site Housing Tax Increment Financing District #1 in the Ford Site Redevelopment Project Area and approving a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor (District 15, Ward 3).

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

27 [RES PH 21-92](#)

Approving the establishment of the Ford Site Housing Tax Increment Financing District #2 in the Ford Site Redevelopment Project Area and approving a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor (District 15, Ward 3).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

28 [RES PH 21-93](#)

Authorizing the Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity to shift a portion of remaining funds for Minority Business Development and Retention (MBDR) from the MBDR Special Fund to the MBDR General Fund account.

Dave Gorski, HREEO, is here. (He shared his screen.) He presented on the Supplier Diversity Program. The 2017 disparity study—which was completed in 2018—was the largest and most coordinated disparity study ever done in the United States. Nine entities participated. There was an evaluation of all City contracting: goods, services, construction. The disparity study showed there was not a level playing field for women owned businesses (WBE) and minority owned businesses (MBE): we should see 21% participation of WBE's and MBE's, but we only see about 16%. MBE and WBD contracts tend to be smaller, under \$100,000. The most lucrative contracts are out of reach. In summary, one of the biggest gap is on the first tier: contracts which are bid directly to the City, which are also the largest contracts. The City has certain tools to combat this program: participating in the Central CERT Program, MBDR Program, which are business and construction workforce raining, HUD Program, Vendor Outreach Program, and a small purchase program. Most of these efforts focus on small purchases.

Councilmember Thao asked about the MBE and WBE. How many of those businesses originate from Saint Paul? Gorski responded he does not have that information. They could run a report. It may be difficult to ascertain from the disparity study data; however he can report how many businesses are registered with CIRT and Section 3 programs, but he does not have those numbers readily available.

Thao said that is important information to have. He is curious about how many are going to businesses in Saint Paul. Part of creating wealth is making sure businesses in Saint Paul obtain some of these contracts.

Gorski said he could follow up with Thao. Brendmoen responded the information should go to all of them.

Gorski went over the Supplier Diversity Program. They are looking for them to increase opportunities for diverse businesses at the first-tier level. Another piece also helps us meet our purchasing needs. We need to build a supplier diversity program. This will allow HREEO to bring in experts to assist with information gathering; assessing the program and engagement; program development and documentation; program rollout-outreach and education; program build out by 12/31/21. The 2 items on the Consent Agenda is allowing us to do the 2 programs that we are working on.

Prince said she is so pleased to see that this is happening. This has part up as part of the City Council's open for business initiative. When she served as a Council aide, she worked on it quite a bit. The work went to create HREEO as a department. This beefs up our opportunities to ensure that women and people of color are being considered for the important opportunities that we are providing. This is especially noted with Section 3. It is looking good for us to be getting. Wants to call special attention to Patrick Newell who is a strong advocate.

Director Valerie Jensen said they tried to create some partnerships. They are reaching out to them and partnering with them. There is a huge amount of opportunity. She wanted to say thank you to Kershaw in Public Works. They wanted to make sure they have the support they need to have someone who is intentional about the work. They could work out the kinks and figure out a way to move the work forward. Friday will be

her last day as Director. Hopes they continue to support the work of HREEO and the important needs of the residents of Saint Paul.

Councilmember Jalali said she appreciates Jensen and staff. We should give out businesses to the City as part of our racial equity goals. She thanked her for being here.

Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

29 [Ord 21-11](#)

Granting the application of 1164 W 7th, LLC (previously Miley H R Separate Prop Trust) to rezone property at 1164 Seventh Street West from RT2 townhouse residential to RM2 multiple-family residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Noecker moved to hold open the public hearing and lay the matter over for one week.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing continued to April 21

Public hearing continued to April 21

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

There were separate votes to suspend the rules for these suspension items.

[RLH AR 20-93](#)

Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during February 2020. (File No. J2010B, Assessment No. 208109)

Shari Moore, City Clerk, said it was adopted last week, but should be continued to May 19.

Councilmember Thao moved continuing to May 19.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is reconsidered and continued to May 19

Public hearing continued to May 19

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

Nay: 0

[RLH AR 20-94](#)

Ratifying the assessments for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle service during October 2019 at 814 MANOMIN AVENUE. (File No. J2004V, Assessment No. 208004)

*Councilmember Noecker moved suspension of the rules.
7 in favor, none opposed
Rules are suspended*

*Noecker moved to reconsider and public hearing continued to May 19.
7 in favor, none opposed
Reconsidered and continued to May 19*

Continued Public Hearing to May 19

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

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

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

Nay: 0

- 30** [RLH TA 21-160](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 998 ARMSTRONG AVENUE (File No. CRT2106, Assessment No. 218205)

Adopted

- 31** [RLH FCO 21-31](#) Appeal of Dustin Fronk to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 594 BRUNSON STREET.

Adopted

- 32** [RLH TA 21-141](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1150 CENTRAL AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2106B, Assessment No. 218105)

Adopted

- 33** [RLH AR 21-29](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Diseased Tree(s) services during August 2020 at 1052 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. 2102T, Assessment No. 219001)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 21-172](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 731 DELAWARE AVENUE. (File No. CRT2106, Assessment No. 218205)
Adopted
- 37 [RLH SAO 21-25](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 741 FLANDRAU STREET in Council File RLH SAO 21-14.
Adopted
- 38 [RLH SAO 21-23](#) Appeal of Abdulaziz Osman to a Summary Abatement Order at 408 GROTTO STREET NORTH.
Adopted
- 39 [RLH TA 21-148](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 756 JACKSON STREET. (File No. CRT2106, Assessment No. 218205)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 21-185](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 410 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. CRT2106, Assessment No. 218025)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH TA 21-140](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 755 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2106E, Assessment No. 218305)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH TA 21-145](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1033 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. VB2106, Assessment No. 218805)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH TA 21-164](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1746 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J2106E, Assessment No. 218305) (Public hearing continued to July 14, 2021)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH TA 21-193](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 20-86 to delete the assessment for Graffiti Removal services during January 4 to February 26, 2020 at 1630 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2006P, Assessment No. 208405)
Adopted

- 46 [RLH VBR 21-16](#) Appeal of Jeanine R. Post, personal representative for the Estate of Mark Danielson, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 956 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH.

Adopted

- 47 [RLH AR 21-24](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 16 to October 19, 2020. (File No. VB2106, Assessment No. 218805)

Adopted

- 48 [RLH AR 21-25](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 2020. (File No. J2106B, Assessment No. 218105)

Adopted

- 49 [RLH AR 21-26](#) Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services from November 2020 (C.D.B.G. Funds). (File No. J2103C, Assessment No. 212002)

Adopted

- 50 [RLH AR 21-27](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during September 15 to October 22, 2020. (File No. CRT2106, Assessment No. 218205)

Adopted

- 51 [RLH AR 21-28](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during September 22 to October 21, 2020. (File No. J2106E, Assessment No. 218305)

Adopted

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

- 35 [RLH SAO 21-24](#) [Enter title here.]

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the public hearing to May 12, 2021:

- 36** [RLH RR 21-32](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 134 ELIZABETH STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 20-13. (Public hearing continued to April 14, 2021)

Public hearing continued to May 12

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

Nay: 0

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to refer to the April 20 Legislative Hearing:

- 45** [RLH TA 21-196](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1800 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2106B, Assessment No. 218105) (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on April 20, 2021)

Referred to April 20 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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