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City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

*Council President Kathy Lantry
Councilmember Dan Bostrom
Councilmember Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Russ Stark
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Dave Thune
Councilmember Chris Tolbert*

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lantry at 3:32 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 15-21** Authorizing the Saint Paul Public Library Agency to hold volunteer recognition events.
Received and Filed

- 2 **AO 15-23** Authorizing library officials to hold a Customer Service Improvement Day and a Staff Day for training and recognition.
Received and Filed

- 3 **AO 15-22** Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate \$90,000 of its 2015 adopted budget to most accurately reflect projected actual spending and provide appropriate levels of spending authority.
Received and Filed

- 4 **AO 15-24** Amending the 2014 spending budget in the Tech Recurring, Office of Technology and Communications accounting unit.
Received and Filed

- 5 **AO 15-19** Amending the 2015 spending budget in the PEG Grant Budget, Office of Technology and Communications accounting unit.
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 6 - 24)

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

6 **RES 15-362** Approving the Settlement Agreement and Release between the City of Saint Paul and Garvin Warren Bryant and his attorney Frederick J. Goetz.

Adopted

7 **RES 15-403** Approving the Mayor's appointments of Jessica Palmer-Denig, Peter Grafstrom, Rachel Aure, and Nichol Klonowski to serve on the Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.

Adopted

8 **RES 15-381** Recognizing African American History Month 2015.

Adopted

9 **Min 15-16** Approving the minutes of the December 17, 2014, and January 7 and 14, 2015 City Council Meetings.

Adopted

10 **RES 15-251** Electing City Council Officers.

Adopted

11 **RES 15-407** Approving the use of Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Loan Program Funds for the District 1 Community Council for a project in Ward 7.

Adopted

12 **RES 15-322** Encouraging local sharing of garden seeds, and supporting changes to Minnesota law to allow seed sharing libraries.

Adopted

13 **RES 15-397** Granting preliminary approval to the issuance of certain general obligation and revenue bonds as approved in the 2015 budget of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota and authorizing City finance staff and advisors to take certain actions with respect to the sale of such bonds.

Adopted

- 14 **RES 15-313** Preliminary Order setting the date of public hearing for March 18, 2015 (amended to April 1, 2015) for approval to proceed with 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)
- Councilmember Brendmoen amended the resolution to change the Final Order public hearing date to April 1.*
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert
- Nay:** 0
- 15 **RES 15-357** Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a lease agreement with Child Passenger Safety Associates Inc. for the use of the department's training facility for child passenger safety training.
- Adopted**
- 16 **RES 15-399** Approving a change in the rate of pay for the classifications of Intelligence Analyst-Operations, Job Code 160040, from Grade 013 to Grade 015, and Intelligence Analyst-Strategic, Job Code 160041, from Grade 018 to Grade 019, in the Professional Employees Association, EG 06 Salary Schedule.
- Adopted**
- 17 **RES 15-360** Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to partner with Neighborhood House to submit an NFL Grassroots grant application for \$200,000 for the El Rio Vista field, which requires a minimum 1:1 match satisfied by budgeted CIB funds for this project.
- Adopted**
- 18 **RES 15-279** Granting approval to submit the 2015 Regional Parks and Trails Capital Improvement Plan request to the Metropolitan Council.
- Adopted**
- 19 **RES 15-310** Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to spend up to \$25 for prizes to be given out to help promote the 2015 Right Track youth application process.
- Adopted**
- 20 **RES 15-379** Authorizing the appropriate City Officials to enter into and complete a draft development agreement with Lower Phalen Creek Project to prepare the site and create and operate at Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary a community gathering place and an interpretive center called the Wakan Tipi Center.
- Adopted**

21 **RES 15-374** Authorizing the Police Department to accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from the Target Corporation for upgrades to the Homicide Unit, interview room.

Adopted

22 **RES 15-375** Authorizing the Police Department to accept grants in the amount of \$32,660 from the Saint Paul Police Foundation for various departmental needs.

Adopted

23 **RES 15-285** Approving the Issuance of Conduit Tax Exempt and Taxable Revenue Bonds for Open Cities Health Center.

Adopted

24 **RES 15-286** Pertaining to an Amendment No.1 to Site Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC allowing the installation of additional wireless equipment at the Board's St. Anthony Park Water Tower site at 1515 North Cleveland Avenue in Saint Paul.

Adopted

Councilmember Thune noted the resolution advocating for changes in state law to allow for seed libraries, and acknowledged people present who had been involved in the establishment of a seed library at Riverview Library.

Council President Lantry acknowledged from Lower Phalen Creek and Parks staff for their work on the Wakan Tipi Center.

FOR DISCUSSION

25 **SR 15-14** Staff Report on the Barr Engineering study concerning Lilydale Regional Park.

Mike Hahm, Parks and Recreation Director, presented and summarized the recently completed Barr report and resulting recommendations for next steps at the brickyard area in Lilydale Regional Park. He said the report would be available online immediately following the meeting, and had been fully vetted between department staff, the Office of the City Attorney, and Risk Management Officers. He described the scope of the study, and identified the areas defined in the report as low, medium and high risk. He said key immediate next steps included: 1) restricting high risk areas, with barriers and signage at access points; removal and potential relocation of Vento Overlook; continuing to restrict access to three of the four existing fossil areas 2) reopening of areas of the brickyard determined to be safe, including some trail stabilization and signage 3) restoring access to fossil permitting for fossil area 1, beginning next fall, including relocation of benches and updating of signage. He said additional management actions would include routine inspections, signage added throughout the area to inform users of hazards, and signage to be used as part of a first responders grid system. He introduced St. Paul Fire Chief Tim Butler to talk about the grid system and signage.

Chief Butler described the grid system and signage which he said would allow first responders to quickly find park visitors who needed assistance.

Councilmember Thune asked whether there could be something simpler than an eight digit number, which could be difficult to remember in a stressful situation. Chief Butler said one outcome was that emergency responders now had a better understanding and familiarity with landmarks in the park and could use that information along with the grid system to locate park users.

Councilmember Stark asked whether there was a standard for spacing of signage. Chief Butler said emergency responders could accommodate as many signs as the Parks Department planned to place. Mr. Hahm said they were currently working to finalize materials for the barriers and on the number and locations of signs. He said some locations are already set, and they would work with their partners in public safety and other departments to make sure the locations were vetted. He said they also needed to get in and do regradings and basic maintenance that had not been done while the park was closed. He said they would remove Vento Overlook and relocate it if possible, and, finally, re-open potentially as soon as summer. He said they appreciated the willingness of the Council to communicate the plans and to monitor support.

Councilmember Bostrom asked whether the signs would just be in Lilydale park or elsewhere in the City. Mr. Hahm said what was described was specific to Lilydale Park. Councilmember Bostrom said the signs acknowledged that there were still potential hazards, and he questioned re-opening park. He said he hadn't heard from anyone who was anxious to get back, and this had cost the City money. Mr. Hahm said following the tragedies the City took deliberate action to close and study the park, and current information from the Barr report was consistent with the study done immediately following the accident. He said based on that information, they were indefinitely those areas the report suggested should be closed and taking action to adequately warn and safely open the other areas.

Councilmember Thune noted that there had been interest in when the park was opening back up.

Councilmember Thao asked whether the signage would be in languages other than English and where information would be available to those without internet access. Mr. Hahm said the signage used international symbols, and they were assessing what could be done with multiple languages on-site as well as on the website and on school permits. He said they had been working with district councils and the National Park Service and other stakeholders and programming partners throughout the process and would make sure they were fully up to speed as park users and community educators.

Councilmember Stark said high, medium, and low were relative risk assessments, and he asked whether the low risk areas being opened were comparable in risk to other City park areas. Mr. Hahm said essentially they were, although no area of the park was completely without risk. He said the assessment had to do with evaluation of the soil and underlying geological conditions for further earth movement.

Received and Filed

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.

Final Adoption

- 26 **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.
Councilmember Thune moved approval.
Adopted as amended (amended February 18)
Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert
Nay: 0

- 27 **Ord 15-6** Amending Chapter 39 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code pertaining to Payroll Deductions for Nonprofit Entities.
Councilmember Thune moved approval.
Adopted
Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert
Nay: 0

Second Reading

- 28 **Ord 15-10** Granting a franchise for an additional ten-year period to Comcast of St. Paul, Inc.
Laid over to March 4 for third reading/public hearing

First Reading

- 29 **Ord 15-8** Memorializing City Council action taken January 21, 2015 granting the application of Frank and Mary O’Gorman to rezone the property at 550 Como Avenue from IT Transitional Industrial to B3 General Business, and amending Chapter 60 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to zoning for the City of Saint Paul and the zoning maps thereof. (Public hearing held on January 21, 2015.)
Laid over to March 4 for second reading

- 30 **Ord 15-9** Memorializing City Council action granting the application of August Ventures, LLC to rezone the property at 999 -1003 Hudson Road, from RT1 Two-Family Residential to B1 Local Business, and amending Chapter 60 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to the Saint Paul zoning map. (Public hearing held January 7, 2015)

Laid over to March 4 for second reading

FOR DISCUSSION

- 31 **SR 15-15** Honoring Kathy Lantry for her years of service on the St. Paul City Council.

Councilmember Stark invited Council President Lantry to the podium. Council President Lantry made brief comments, and was presented with a plaque and gavel by Councilmember Stark. Mayor Coleman and the Council members expressed appreciation for Council President Lantry's leadership and work, and wished her well in her new position as Director of Public Works.

Received and Filed

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Thune moved adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 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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