



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 25-3](#) Amending the 2025 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Electric Vehicle Maintenance accounting unit to budget for a new service level agreement with Zef Energy for 2025 to maintain electrical vehicle charging stations city-wide.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 25-4](#) Approving the 2024 Fund 200 - City Grants for the Department of Emergency Management to more accurately record expenditures for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 25-5](#) Approving the 2024 Fund 100 - General Fund for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 25-7](#) Shifting funds within the ARP AU to an alternate spending account in order to align with project spending.
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 Jalali stated that Item 12 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 5** [RES 25-48](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 7 to 23, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 18, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 2, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2511R, Assessment No. 258519)
- Adopted**
- 6** [RES 25-49](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 14 to 22, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 18, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 2, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2510T, Assessment No. 258520)
- Adopted**
- 7** [RES 25-50](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during October 28 to November 8, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 18, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 2, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2512R, Assessment No. 258522)
- Adopted**
- 8** [RES 25-51](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 24 to November 6, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 18, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 2, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2511T, Assessment No. 258523)
- Adopted**
- 9** [RES 25-62](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to apply for an MPCA Local Climate Action Planning Grant for developing a municipal fleet decarbonization plan.
- Adopted**
- 10** [RES 25-89](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Jekai's Scratch Kitchen LLC (License ID#

20240002005), d/b/a Chips Clubhouse, for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) licenses, located at 272 Snelling Avenue South, Unit #200.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 25-91](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Cinema Ballroom LLC (License ID# 20240001715), d/b/a CB Event Center, for a Dance or Rental Hall license, located at 1560 St Clair Avenue.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 25-99](#) Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to community meetings and events in 2025.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 25-101](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase light refreshments for witnesses, victims, and suspects during critical incident investigations and assistance programs.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 25-102](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase refreshments for employee recognition ceremonies and events in 2025.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 25-103](#) Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to the Canine Unit's community engagement meetings, community engagement events, and training sessions in 2025.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 25-104](#) Authorizing the Police Department expenditures for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training program conducted in 2025.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 25-105](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase food and beverages for law enforcement trainings conducted in 2025.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 25-106](#) Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to the Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Unit's community engagement meetings and multi-agency Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) meetings and events in 2025.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 25-107](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grants from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) totaling \$92,391 for Winter snow equipment acquisition and trail improvements at Highland Park and Phalen Park.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 25-108](#) Authorizing the Police Department to expense costs associated with the assessors for Police Officer exams taking place throughout 2025.
- Adopted**
- 22 [RES 25-109](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept state bonding funds and enter into a grant agreement, which includes an indemnification clause.
- Adopted**
- 23 [RES 25-129](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Laura Trujillo to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee on Aging.
- Adopted**
- 24 [RES 25-130](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Kelly Leingang, Nick Petrucelle, Sam Tiratto, and Kaleb McCulloch and reappointments of Kera Peterson, Tristan Skoglund, and Rick Varco to the Labor Standards Advisory Committee.
- Adopted**
- 25 [RES 25-131](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Mysee Chang Vang to the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA).
- Adopted**
- 26 [RES 25-133](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Liz Lee and Trisha Duncan to the Visit Saint Paul Board of Directors.
- Adopted**
- 27 [RES 25-143](#) Authorizing the City to accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Stephen Titoe on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) for general support.
- Adopted**
- 28 [RES 25-144](#) Authorizing the City to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from St. Patrick's Association on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) for general support.
- Adopted**
- 29 [RES 25-148](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 20 to September 24, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2507, Assessment No. 258806)
- Adopted**
- 30 [RES 25-149](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding

services during October 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2507B, Assessment No. 258106)

Adopted

- 31 [RES 25-150](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from September 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2503C, Assessment No. 252002)

Adopted

- 32 [RES 25-151](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from September 2024 (C.D.B.G. Funds), and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2504C, Assessment No. 252003)

Adopted

- 33 [RES 25-152](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during August 22 to September 20, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2507E, Assessment No. 258306)

Adopted

- 34 [RES 25-153](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during August 21 to October 8, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2507P, Assessment No. 258406)

Adopted

- 35 [RES 25-154](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during October to November 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 25, 2025 and City Council public hearing for April 9, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2502T, Assessment No. 259001)

Adopted

- 36 [RES 25-158](#) Authorizing a professional services contract with Almeida Public Affairs, Inc.

Adopted

- 37 [RES 25-159](#) Authorizing a professional services contract with Messerli Kramer, P.A.

Adopted

38 [RES 25-160](#) Authorizing a professional services contract with Primacy Strategy Group.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

12 [RES 25-94](#) Authorizing the Department of Safety and Inspections (“DSI”) to enter into a Settlement Agreement with Ali Alfureedy on behalf of Maryland Tobacco Inc., d/b/a Maryland Tobacco (“Licensee”).

Councilmember Kim moved approval of Version 2.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM

[RES 25-192](#) Ensuring equity in the implementation of administrative citations through a legislative advisory committee.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.

Council President Jalali spoke in support.

Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

ORDINANCES

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

Final Adoption

- 39 [Ord 25-2](#) Amending Chapter 6.03 of the City Charter pertaining to the application of Administrative Citations for violations of City Ordinances, based on the recommendation of the Charter Commission pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 410.12, subdivision 7.

Council President Jalali spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 40 [Ord 25-3](#) Granting the application of Macalester College to rezone property at 1655 and 1661 Grand Avenue and 37 Macalester Street (north side between Macalester and Cambridge) from T2 traditional neighborhood to RM1 multiple family and to rezone property at 53, 57, and 63 Macalester Street (southwest corner of Grand and Macalester) from T2 traditional neighborhood to VP vehicle parking, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 41 [Ord 25-4](#) Amending Title IV of the Administrative Code to add Chapter 92, titled Tree Preservation for City Sponsored Projects.

Unknown resident spoke during the public hearing.

Tom Darling, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and lay over to February 26, 2025.

Laid over to February 26, 2025 for Final Adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 42 [RES PH 25-1](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and

Recreation in the amount of \$250,000 to reflect funds received from the National Park Service for the Samuel Morgan Regional Trail Reconstruction project.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

43 [RES PH 25-2](#)

Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$50,000 for STAR Grant funds received for accessible multi-use courts at Conway Recreation Center.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

44 [RES PH 25-3](#)

Amending the finance and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$50,000 from the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy, to reflect funds authorized for the Swede Hollow Staircase and Trail project.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

45 [RES PH 25-5](#)

Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$101,200 to reflect funds received from the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy for the Pedro Park project.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

46 [RES PH 25-9](#)

Amending the spending and financing budget in the Lowertown Ballpark Fund for capital improvements to be made by the Saints at the CHS Field

Ballpark.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

47 [RES PH 25-11](#)

Approving the application of Podium Sports Marketing for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on January 30, January 31, and February 1, 2025 at 214 4th Street East - Union Depot.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

48 [RES PH 25-14](#)

Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to apply for and accept a \$583,000 grant from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation to support program operation costs for CollegeBound Saint Paul and CollegeBound Boost and amending the 2025 budget for the Office of Financial Empowerment.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

49 [RES PH 25-15](#)

Authorizing the City to apply for and accept \$15,000 in grant funding from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation for travel and operating expenses related to CollegeBound Boost and amending the 2025 budget for the Office of Financial Empowerment.

Council President Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 50** [RLH RSA 24-12](#) Appeal of James W. Bush and Linda D. Dear, tenants, to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 1391 HAZELWOOD STREET, APARTMENTS, 10 AND 11.
- Appeal denied. Rent increase of up to 8% allowed for the next lease, which includes parking as a housing service.*
- Councilmember Yang: The tenants indicated that they believe their rent increase, which went into effect for them on August 1, 2024, which is their current lease, was in excess of the allowable three percent increase under our current ordinance. I studied it carefully and I have concerns as well. Essentially, the appellants would like us to adjust the base rent downward for the purpose of calculating a percentage increase to their next lease. It looks like their parking cost was increased and so their total rent increased by 5 - 6%, without asking for an exception to the 3% cap. Unfortunately, I do think that incorporating the alleged violation is beyond the scope of our decision, which is about proposing the rent increase for next year. I think that there needs to be an investigation by the Department of Safety Inspections (DSI) on the alleged ordinance violation. We are not an investigative body. Our role here is to hear the appeal of the staff determination. I strongly urge the appellants to file a complaint to DSI, and I have asked Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond to follow up with them about this information. This situation really drives home the need for administrative citations, which we took a vote on earlier. DSI has very limited tools to enforce this part of our ordinance. If there is an ordinance violation, I know that, according to staff, most people come into compliance when educated. When I said earlier that I share the concerns that the appellants shared, I mean that if I were the person doing the investigation and had all that documentation, I would determine that there was a violation of our ordinance. I know that this Council cares deeply about making sure our ordinances are complied with, and so this is definitely not something that I take lightly. I hope that through the investigation, a determination is made that concludes this matter, and that there be compensation of some sort to refund the amount that was overpaid, if the investigation finds that occurred. It must be investigated by our staff, and I hope that will be followed through with. Again, I urge the appellant to take that initiative. I move approval of Moermond's recommendation, which would allow a maximum increase of 8% in rent that includes parking as a housing service. There has been language amended to the resolution. Has the start of the next lease, August 2025, been included in the resolution?*

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Office: That language is included.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 75** [RLH TA 24-406](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 916 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST (918 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST). (File No. J2501C, Assessment No. 252000)

Laid over for two weeks.

Grace Vo, property representative and daughter of owner, appeared in person.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: This a \$91,952.92 assessment for the emergency demolition of a significant structure on University Avenue following a fire. A photo of the building is on the screen. The demolition was conducted within 24-36 hours of the embers being put out. This is a case where we have a significant masonry structure coming down on an emergency basis. The costs are maybe a little bit higher for this demolition than might otherwise be the case, because after a fire the materials need to be disposed of as if they could be hazardous. There's an increased cost associated with that. I'm not surprised that the amount is what it is. Unfortunately, we got testimony in Legislative Hearing that they did not have insurance for this. Since the time of the fire, the owner, the appellant's father, has passed away. This is now a matter of the estate. There are real estate and legal professionals working with the family to sort out where to go from here. Unfortunately, the assessment itself is the cost that the City has incurred on behalf of the public because this presented a public danger and we need to recoup those costs per state law and local code. The one way we can provide some assistance in that we can make the payments divisible over ten years. That is my recommendation. I think that the family is facing a lot of decisions in the future, but that is where we came to at the time of the hearing. Mostly what they were looking for was an itemized bill of what the contractor charged for the work.

Grace Vo: I am the property representative and the daughter of the owner. This was a property that my father owned since the 1990s. It was commercial and mixed residential. He was a landlord and also a business owner. June of 2023 was when the property was last operational. He unfortunately passed away. Both him and my mother took care of this property. In those last few years, my father had been taking care of the property but he fell behind on bills amounting to several thousand dollars. This fire was about a year ago now, and I took care of this building after my dad passed away. I tried to fix some things. It was having some heating issues with the boilers downstairs. We don't know the exact cause of the fire, but the investigator did indicate that it could have been the boiler. We don't know for sure. With the demolition cost over \$92,000, it's a significant burden on our family. I have stepped in to help take care of the property. She only has Social Security for income, amounting to about \$1,100 per month. We have a lot of costs that come with this property besides the demolition, including unpaid bills and taxes.

Council president Jalali: Do you have a specific ask?

Vo: I would like to know if there is any program or assistance to help reduce the cost of the demolition. I would also to know if there are programs to help my mom reduce these costs. I would like to know when payment would start. I think ten years could be reasonable, but we would like more time to process things too. We are considering other things with this property, but there are also title issues, so we're looking at that with my lawyer as well.

Councilmember Bowie moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Jalali: Moermond, what avenues are there for trying to create some flexibility? Are there any ideas that you have? I'd be open to a layover on this item, if it isn't time sensitive, to help us come to a solution.

Moermond: I don't know of any assistance for paying an assessment of this nature. I would end up directing someone to the Department of Planning and Economic Development. Their focus, though, is going to be more future oriented. They tend to help with projects moving forward, not paying for past costs. Still, there may be something I'm unaware of. There tends not to be assistance programs for paying

taxes. With respect to when payments would be made and come due, I can provide information. The very first thing that would happen, if Council adopted this resolution to allow payment over ten years, is that a payment would be invoiced to the owner within a couple of weeks of that decision. That would be for one-tenth of the amount of the assessment. That could be paid over the course of 2025. Whatever is unpaid would be added to the 2025 taxes. That would be year one. The next nine years would follow suit and be divided like everyone's first-half and second-half property taxes. The time period of ten years is more time than we allow for nuisance abatement assessments. I don't believe that there is the latitude in City code or state law to go beyond the ten year time frame.

Bowie: What is the threshold for the amount that triggers tax forfeiture? I'm just trying to understand what could potentially cause them to lose their property by not being able to pay the tax.

Moermond: I want to double-check this, but it's not a dollar amount. It's more a length of time from which the last payment was dealt with. For example, if they were to stop making payments now, they would be in a delinquent status for a time period of three years. I'd want to double check that, as it could be down to one year for mixed-use properties like this. They would be given that time to pay the amount that's delinquent and then the property would move to be on the forfeiture list. During that delinquency time, though, they would have the ability to sign a Confession of Judgement with Ramsey County. This is essentially a payment plan. I'm not sure how far out Ramsey County can go in spreading those payments, but that would be its own process. If it is forfeited to the county, a person can still apply to repurchase the forfeited property. That repurchase can often be done, when I see them, by means of a contract for deed executed with the county. I don't know if payments can be done over time on that. There can also be a failure on the confession and then a new one. There can be a failure on a repurchase and then another attempt. There are lots of bites at the apple along the way.

Bowie: What is the flexibility when it comes to cost reduction?

Moermond: My understanding of the code is that the Council would have the latitude to decrease the assessment. A reduction in the assessment would cause that amount to be picked up by general taxpayers at large.

Bowie: I move to lay this over to our next meeting to give time for my office to discuss this with Moermond and the representative about a plan.

Jalali: I support that motion.

Public hearing closed and laid over to February 5, 2025

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 51** [RLH TA 24-365](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 515 BEAUMONT STREET. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301)
Adopted
- 52** [RLH VBR 25-2](#) Appeal of Chang Hua Wang to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1484 CHARLES AVENUE.
Adopted
- 53** [RLH SAO 25-3](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1289 DANFORTH STREET in Council File RLH SAO 24-84.
Adopted
- 54** [RLH VBR 25-1](#) Appeal of Chang Hua Wang to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1649 EDMUND AVENUE.
Adopted
- 55** [RLH TA 24-390](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1659 EDMUND AVENUE (File No. CRT2502, Assessment No. 258201)
Adopted
- 56** [RLH TA 24-373](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 276 EXCHANGE STREET SOUTH. (File No. VB2502, Assessment No. 258801)
Adopted
- 57** [RLH TA 24-374](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 276 EXCHANGE STREET SOUTH. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)
Adopted
- 58** [RLH RR 25-1](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1726 FOURTH STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 24-33.
Adopted
- 59** [RLH TA 25-30](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 104 IVY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301) (Refer to February 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to February 4, 2025 Legislative Hearing

- 60 [RLH RR 24-34](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 674 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the November 6, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)
- Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)**
- 61 [RLH TA 24-461](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)
- Adopted**
- 62 [RLH TA 24-462](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2501V, Assessment No. 258000)
- Adopted**
- 63 [RLH TA 24-467](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301)
- Adopted**
- 64 [RLH TA 24-468](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2023 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2503E, Assessment No. 258301)
- Public hearing continued to February 5, 2025**
- 65 [RLH TA 24-394](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1122 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)
- Adopted**
- 66 [RLH RR 25-3](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 41 MILLER CREST LANE in Council File RLH RR 24-23.
- Adopted**
- 67 [RLH CO 25-1](#) Appeal of Shyann Murphy to a Correction Notice at 2151 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 68 [RLH RR 25-4](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 2117 MOHAWK AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-24.
- Adopted**
- 69 [RLH SAO 24-82](#) Appeal of Joseph Richardson to a Summary Abatement Order and a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1875 NORTH PARK DRIVE.
- Adopted**
- 70 [RLH VO 24-4](#) Appeal of Raj Mehta to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes condemnation) at 220 ROBERT STREET SOUTH.
- Adopted as amended (appeal granted)**

- 71 [RLH TA 24-370](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 874 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2502P, Assessment No. 258401)
Adopted
- 72 [RLH TA 24-372](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1297 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. VB2502, Assessment No. 258801)
Adopted
- 73 [RLH VBR 25-3](#) Appeal of Zach Kirchoff, Ireland Homes, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 1650 SHERBURNE AVENUE.
Adopted
- 74 [RLH VBR 24-73](#) Appeal of Shawn Punjwani, Embassy Thomas LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1333 THOMAS AVENUE.
Adopted
- 76 [RLH AR 24-86](#) Ratifying the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during June 20, 2023 to April 22, 2024. (File No. VB2502, Assessment No. 258801)
Adopted
- 77 [RLH AR 24-87](#) Ratifying the assessment for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during May 2024. (File No. J2502B, Assessment No. 258101)
Adopted
- 78 [RLH AR 24-88](#) Ratifying the assessment for Demolition services from January to June 2024. (File No. J2501C, Assessment No. 252000)
Adopted
- 79 [RLH AR 24-89](#) Ratifying the assessment for Demolition services from February to March 2024 (C.D.B.G. Funds). (File No. J2502C, Assessment No. 252001)
Adopted
- 80 [RLH AR 24-90](#) Ratifying the assessment for Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during April 26 to May 23, 2024. (File No. CRT2502, Assessment No. 258201)
Adopted
- 81 [RLH AR 24-91](#) Ratifying the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during March 22 to April 19, 2024. (File No. J2502E, Assessment No. 258301)
Adopted
- 82 [RLH AR 24-92](#) Ratifying the assessment for Graffiti Removal services during April 3 to June 11, 2024. (File No. J2502P, Assessment No. 258401)

Adopted

- 83 [RLH AR 24-93](#) Ratifying the assessment for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during January to May 2024. (File No. J2501V, Assessment No. 258000)

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