



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

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, January 19, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

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

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Absent 1 - Councilmember Dai Thao

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 22-8](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 22-4.

Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 22-2](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for 965 Arcade (SIR Boxing), a project selected by CDBG subgrantee ESNDG to be funded with Payne Ave BIF program funds.

Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 22-3](#) Establishing two new projects through the 2021 Year-Round STAR Program as adopted via City Council Resolutions #RES 21-1723 and #RES 21-1820.

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 stated that Items 17 and 18 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 4 [RES 22-7](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$75,000 in equipment funds for Hidden Falls-Crosby Regional Park from the Federal Recreational Trail grant program; and to apply for grants to other agencies and groups as needed for any matching amounts required.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 22-42](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during June 14 to September 20, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 1, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2206, Assessment No. 228805)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 22-43](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during October 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 1, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2206B, Assessment No. 228105)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 22-44](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from August to October 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 1, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2202C, Assessment No. 222001)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 22-46](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during September 14 to October 15, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 1, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2206, Assessment No. 228205)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 22-47](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during August 23 to September 21, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 1, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2206E, Assessment No. 228305)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 22-48](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during October 19 to December 1, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 1, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 2, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2205P, Assessment No. 228404)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 22-53](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean services during November 1 to 10, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 15, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2214A, Assessment No. 228513)

Adopted

- 12 [RES 22-54](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Cleanup services during November 15 to 29, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 15, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2215A, Assessment No. 228514)

Adopted

- 13 [RES 22-67](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of stuffed animals, stocking hats, and lip balm valued at \$738.71 from the Northern Express Headquarters, LLC.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 22-90](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for Rank 1 Automotive LLC (License ID #20210001014), d/b/a Rank 1 Automotive, located 1324 Arcade St. Unit B, for an Auto Repair Garage license.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 22-94](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Grants Compliance Supervisor in Grade 024 of EG 09, Saint Paul Supervisors Organization (SPSO).

Laid over to January 26

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 16 [RES 22-95](#) Establishing the rate of pay for an existing classification of IS Information/Technical Analyst VI to be placed in Grade 24T of EG 09, Saint Paul Supervisors Organization (SPSO).

Laid over to January 26

FOR DISCUSSION

- 17 [RES 22-96](#) Appointing the firm of Iverson Reuvers as Special Counsel representing Saint Paul Police Officer Jeremy Doverspike in the matter of Cullars-Doty, et al. v. City of Saint Paul, et al. (Laid over from January 19, 2022.)

Councilmember Yang moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to January 26

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 18 [RES 22-97](#) Appointing the firm of Jardine, Logan, and O'Brien, PLLP, as Special Counsel representing Saint Paul Police Officer Daniel Peck in the matter of Cullars-Doty, et al. v. City of Saint Paul, et al. (Laid over from January 19, 2022.)

Councilmember Yang moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to January 26

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 19 [RES 22-49](#) Adopting the Point Douglas Regional Trail Master Plan (Laid over from January 19).

Councilmember Prince moved to lay over for two weeks.

Laid over to February 2

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 20** [RES 22-98](#) Declaring a climate emergency in St. Paul, Minnesota and joint climate action with cities and counties across the state

Councilmember Prince spoke in favor.

Jean Comstock, member of St. Paul 350 Climate Action, spoke in favor.

Joan Pasek, member of St. Paul 350 Climate Action, spoke in favor.

Russ Stark, Chief Resiliency Officer, spoke in favor.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor.

Council President Brendmoen spoke in favor.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in favor.

Prince moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 21** [RES PH 22-3](#) Approving the request for a sound level variance for Nor-son Construction to allow for construction at 170 Western Avenue S.; beginning January 15, 2022 through March 4, 2022;

Councilmember Noecker addressed concerns, spoke in favor, and moved approval.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

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.

Final Adoption

- 22** [Ord 21-66](#) Amending Chapter 280 of the Legislative Code related to catalytic converters.
- Councilmember Tolbert thanked supporters and moved approval.*
- Council President Brendmoen spoke in support.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Thao
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- 23** [Ord 22-1](#) Amending the zoning code as recommended in Phase 1 of the 1-4 Unit Housing Study.
- Councilmember Jalali stated that she was not offering amendments and moved approval.*
- Councilmember Noecker expressed appreciation for Jalali's work.*
- Councilmember Yang thanked community members for their input.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Thao
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- 24** [Ord 22-2](#) Granting the application of Laurel Gamm and Charles Stephens to rezone property at 83 Douglas St Rezone from R4 one-family residential to RT2 townhouse residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning map.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Adopted**

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 25** [Ord 22-3](#) Amending Chapters 65 and 66 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Religious Uses and Accessory Uses.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

First Reading

- 26** [Ord 22-5](#) Granting the application of Obsa Negassa to rezone property at 647 York Ave from B3 general business to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid over to January 26 for second reading/public hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS

See below for ways to testify.

- 27** [Ord 22-4](#) Amending Chapter 246 of the Legislative Code to allow possession and consumption of nonintoxicating malt liquor and intoxicating liquor up to 5.5% alcohol by weight within picnic shelters, facilities or areas within any park, playground or recreation center designated for that purpose by the parks and recreation director instead of only allowing possession and consumption of 3.2% alcohol by weight nonintoxicating malt liquor.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Public hearing closed; laid over to January 16 for final adoption

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 28 [RES PH 22-4](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$50,000 to reflect additional 2022 funding from Saint Paul Parks Conservancy.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 29 [RES PH 22-6](#) Ratifying the assessments for Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Properties during July to September 2021. (File No. 2200LDSRP, Assessment No. 224000)

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 30 [RES PH 22-7](#) Ratifying the assessments for Repair of Sanitary Sewer on Private Properties during July to September 2021. (File No. SWRP2200, Assessment No. 223000)

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

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.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao

- 31** [RLH TA 21-407](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 101 COMO AVENUE. (File No. VB2202, Assessment No. 228801)
Adopted
- 32** [RLH TA 21-418](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1525 DIETER STREET. (File No. VB2202, Assessment No. 228801)
Adopted
- 33** [RLH TA 21-447](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 134 FIFTH STREET EAST. (File No. VB2202, Assessment No. 228801)
Adopted as amended (ratify and make payable over 5 years)
Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao
- 34** [RLH TA 21-291](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 329 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2109B2, Assessment No. 2181117) (To be referred back to October 5, 2021 Legislative Hearing and Public Hearing on October 13, 2021)
Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)
Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
Nay: 0
Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao
- 35** [RLH TA 21-409](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 329 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2202, Assessment No. 228801)
Adopted
- 36** [RLH TA 21-470](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 584 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2202B, Assessment No. 228101)
Adopted

- 37 [RLH TA 21-423](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 705 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2202, Assessment No. 228801)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH TA 21-439](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 705 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2123A1, Assessment No. 218549)
Adopted
- 39 [RLH TA 21-440](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 705 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2201B, Assessment No. 228100) (Public hearing continued to January 19, 2022)
Adopted as amended (technical change)
- 40 [RLH TA 21-441](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 705 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2201A, Assessment No. 228500) (Public hearing continued to January 19, 2022)
Adopted as amended (technical change)
- 41 [RLH TA 21-397](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2100 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. CRT2202, Assessment No. 228201)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH VO 22-4](#) Appeal of James Vin Zant to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1350 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE.
Adopted
- 43 [RLH TA 21-484](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 770 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2202E, Assessment No. 228301)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH TA 21-309](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 869 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2120A, Assessment No. 218536) (Public hearing continued to January 19, 2022; amend to delete)
Adopted as amended (delete assessment)

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Thao
- 45 [RLH TA 21-412](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1133 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2202P, Assessment No. 228401)
Adopted

- 46 [RLH AR 21-94](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during November 19, 2020 to May 20, 2021. (File No. VB2202, Assessment No. 228801)
Adopted
- 47 [RLH AR 21-95](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding fees during June 2021. (File No. J2202B, Assessment No. 228101)
Adopted
- 48 [RLH AR 21-96](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during May 21 to June 18, 2021. (File No. CRT2202, Assessment No. 228201)
Adopted
- 49 [RLH AR 21-97](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during April 23 to May 21, 2021. (File No. J2202E, Assessment No. 228301)
Adopted
- 50 [RLH AR 21-98](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during June 16 to July 27, 2021. (File No. J2202P, Assessment No. 228401)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

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