



City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd
Floor
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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, April 3, 2024

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 24-27](#) Authorizing the Police Department to amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for the 2022 State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$40,000.

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 Items 2 and 8 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Bowie 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

- 3 [RES 24-411](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Properties, and setting date of City Council public hearing for

May 1, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2401LDSRP, Assessment No. 244000)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 24-412](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties, and setting date of City Council public hearing for May 1, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2401, Assessment No. 243000)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 24-414](#) Accepting a donation in kind from Cops-N-Rodders for the installation of diamond plating at the headquarters employee exercise area in the amount of \$2,500.

Adopted

- 6 [RES 24-449](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application with conditions submitted by El Aguila Restaurant LLC, d/b/a El Aguila Restaurant Latin Food (License ID#20240000156), for Liquor On Sale 100 seats or less and Liquor On Sale - Sunday licenses, located at 1552 Como Avenue.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 24-450](#) Approving the release of utility easement rights within a portion of vacated Clear Avenue west of Arcade Street.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 24-473](#) Approving a condition modification to increase the number of for-sale vehicles parked on the property from nineteen (19) to twenty-five (25), and eliminate one handicap accessible parking space the for Second Hand Dealer Motor Vehicle & Auto Repair Garage licenses for A2Z Auto Sales & Service Inc d/b/a A2Z Auto Sales & Service Inc (License ID# 20200002129) for the premises located at 923 University Avenue West.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-508](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 4 Neighborhood Year-Round Program for Selby Property Investments, LLC.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-509](#) Approving the use of Neighborhood STAR grant funds for an expanded scope of work for Yoni Treats LLC.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 2 [RES 24-211](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a detour agreement with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation for the Trunk

Highway 51 - Snelling Avenue project from St. Clair Avenue to Grand Avenue.
(laid over from April 3, 2024)

Council President Jalali moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to April 10, 2024

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

Nay: 0

8 [RES 24-471](#)

Approving the agreements with Lime (Neutron Holdings, Inc. dba Lime) and Spin (Pheenix USH LLC, dba Spin) to provide electric scooter and electric-assisted bicycle sharing services for the 2024 season, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms.

Council President Jalali spoke in favor.

Councilmember Jost 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.

First Reading

12 [Ord 24-12](#)

Granting the application of Robert Anderson et. al to rezone property at 964 Payne Avenue from H2 residential to B2 community business and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Chris Hong from the Department of Planning and Economic Development gave a staff report.

Laid over to April 10, 2024 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

13 [Ord 24-5](#)

Amending Chapter 63 of the Legislative Code pertaining to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in surface parking lots.

Dan Collison from Sherman Associates spoke during the public hearing.

Steve Gjerdingen, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Jalali spoke to the ordinance.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to April 10, 2024 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

14 [RES PH 24-66](#)

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto) and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) Contamination Cleanup Grant Program for the benefit of Robert Street, LLLP at 176 South Robert Street (District 3, Ward 2).

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

15 [RES PH 24-67](#)

Authorizing the acceptance of funds and amending the Department of Parks and Recreation Grant Fund, in the amount of \$85,000, to reflect additional grant funds received from the Saint Paul Public School's (SPPS) Community Partnership for 2022-2024 ARP grant, to support the Upside: Leadership Programming for Middle-School Youth project and additional Citywide programs and events, and authorization to enter into a grant agreement (which includes an indemnification clause).

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

16 [RES PH 24-68](#)

Approving the application of Pancreatic Cancer Action Network c/o Event360 for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on April 26, 2024 and April 27, 2024 at 1199 Midway Parkway - Como Midway Picnic Pavilion.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 17** [RES PH 24-69](#) Approving the application of Macalester College for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 10-11, 2024 at 179 Snelling Avenue South - Macalester Stadium.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Bowie 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

- 18** [RLH RR 24-14](#) First Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 523 BEAUMONT STREET in Council File RLH RR 22-48.

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 19** [RLH VBR 24-17](#) Appeal of Kevin Christ to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1391 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE.

Adopted

- 20** [RLH TA 24-106](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1056 SEMINARY AVENUE. (File No. J2413A, Assessment No. 248512)

Adopted

- 21** [RLH RR 23-70](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 342 THOMAS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 23-46. (Public Hearing continued to March 20, 2024)

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 22 [RLH VO 24-5](#) Appeal of Occupant to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 421 THOMAS AVENUE #1.

Adopted as amended (extension granted to May 1)

- 23 [RLH TA 24-82](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 571 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. VB2401A, Assessment No. 248808)

Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)

- 24 [RLH AR 24-15](#) Ratifying the assessments for Equipment and Labor for Clean Up services during September to October 2023. (File No. J2412A, Assessment No. 248511)

Adopted

- 25 [RLH AR 24-16](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during October 20 to 25, 2023. (File No. J2413A, Assessment No. 248512)

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 3:45 PM

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