



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

City Council

Council President Russ Stark
Councilmember Dan Bostrom
Councilmember Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, City Council President Russ Stark, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember Jane L. Prince

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 16-8](#) Authorizing library officials to hold a Customer Service Improvement Day and a Staff Day for training and recognition.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 16-9](#) Amending the 2016 Capital Improvement Budget to allocate funding for capital maintenance projects to the appropriate departments, as recommended by the Capital Improvement Budget Committee.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 16-12](#) Authorizing the Saint Paul Public Library Agency to reallocate budgeted amounts within the 2016 Adopted Budget between spending accounts, thereby adjusting the budget to more accurately reflect the projected actual spending and provide appropriate levels of spending authority.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 16-13](#) Amending the 2016 spending budget in the Public Works Recycling and Solid Waste Accounting Unit.
Received and Filed

- 5 [AO 16-14](#) Amending the CDBG AC budget for Community Engagement program, move old Sparc budget balance to Undesignated Account and add funds to Planning administration,

Received and Filed

- 6 [AO 16-16](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its 2015 operating budget to more accurately record expenditures.

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

Consent Agenda Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

- 7 [RES 16-140](#) Approving the Phased Retirement option.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 16-102](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funding to provide environmental education programs for youth in regional parks and boulevard tree care education for residents and, if successful, enter into an agreement providing indemnification for Capitol Region Watershed District.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 16-125](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for February 17, 2016 to consider approval of the improvements along Wheelock Parkway from Rice Street to Edgerton Street (File No. 19175B Assessment No. 165201).

Adopted

- 10 [RES 16-138](#) Memorializing the City Council's decision in AHPC 15-7: granting an appeal from a decision of the Heritage Preservation Commission denying an application by the Housing & Redevelopment Authority for a permit to demolish 716 Wilson Avenue.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 16-155](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept an extension for the 2015 Violent Crimes Enforcement Team (VCET) grant from Ramsey County.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 16-159](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for February 17, 2016 to consider approval of the improvements along Jackson Street: Shepard Road to 11th Street; Kellogg Boulevard: Sibley Street to Jackson Street; and Sibley Street: Shepard Road to Kellogg Boulevard. File No. 19173, Assessment No. 165202.
Adopted
- 13 [RES 16-169](#) Supporting the inclusion of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee as a financial party member of the Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission.
Adopted
- 14 [RES 16-141](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for February 17, 2016 to consider approval of the improvements in the Payne Avenue and Bedford Street area and to acquire the necessary property rights for completion of said improvements. (File No. 19195B Assessment No. 165204).
Adopted
- 15 [RES 16-137](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for February 17, 2016 to consider approval of the improvements along Payne Avenue from 7th Street East to Woodward Avenue and to acquire the necessary property rights for completion of said improvements. (File No. 19194B Assessment No. 165203).
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 16 [RES 16-107](#) Celebrating Saint Paul District Councils' 2015 Neighborhood Honor Roll Volunteer Awards Night on Friday, January 29, 2016.

Council President Stark said he wanted to highlight the honor roll where folks are nominated in terms of volunteering in the community. It is happening this Friday at 5:30. They honor folks from all over the City. Stark will be emceeding.

*Stark moved approval
7 in favor, none opposed
Res is adopted*
Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

17 [RES 16-171](#)

Outlining the City of Saint Paul's commitment to being pollinator-friendly.

Council President Stark said this is an issue brought to him by constituents. He brought the issue to the attention of Ann Hunt (Mayor's Office) about pollinators and minimizing use of pesticides. He found they are already doing a lot of good things in Saint Paul.

Councilmember Brendmoen said this was a good opportunity to learn about things we are doing and we are being good role models. They should share information of what is going on now and what they are doing going forward. Hopefully this will be an opportunity to share this important work.

Cy Kosel, Natural Resources Manager of Saint Paul, appeared and said they started this about 1.5 years ago looking at what they do and what they could do. They had a lot of meetings and have done a lot of good work leading up to this. They work closely with the University of Minnesota Bee Squad. Their goal is to educate City staff on this issue, how to change practices, and how to tell citizens how to do things in the future. There are ways to have natural landscapes to benefit bees and butterflies. Reduce chemicals to get rid of pests.

Chris Cowen said he is a hobby bee keeper. He keeps them in Cottage Grove. He is working on environmental issues mostly having to do with pollinators and pesticides. One of the people they are lucky to have in Minnesota is Marlo Spivick. One of her TED Talks is 15 minutes with great information on why they are doing this. Beekeepers would lost about 15% of their hives in the course of a year. The TED talk is from 2013, and she said losses were about 30%. In the past year, the losses are 52%. Cowen's hives are hanging in there. Diseases, parasites, monocultures, flower loss, landscape, and pesticides are all putting pressure on bees. It is great the Chamber of Commerce is talking about these issues. One of every 3 bites of food are relying on a pollinator. Marlo said the answers are easy: plant bee-friendly flowers, avoid pesticide contamination. As for planting bee-friendly flowers, there are pesticides put right into seeds now, so you have to be careful about the kinds of seeds. His hope is that the resolution is a tool to spur more conversation. He is hoping they come up with benchmarks to see how the City is doing to obtain the goals that are being set.

Erin Rupp, Pollinate Minnesota, said this is something we need to be doing. Urban areas are healthier ways for pollinators. Nationally, Minnesota is a leader on them. Because we have a monoculture, we have to bring honey bees into the area. Minnesota is the 5th bee place in the country. With the passage of this, we will be the ninth city in Minnesota.

Margaret Monson said the resolution mentions native plants. If you have a lot of native plants, you will attract native predators and you will have fewer pests. All kinds of other insects pollinate.

*Noecker moved approval.
7 in favor, none opposed
Res is adopted*

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

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

- 18 [Ord 15-80](#) Amending Chapter 87 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to charges for street restoration costs.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

- 19 [Ord 16-1](#) Amending Chapter 61 of the Legislative Code pertaining to zoning fees.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

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