



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, February 23, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting began at 3:32 pm

Present 7 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao,
Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker,
Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 22-20](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1347 University Avenue West a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and filed
- 2 [CO 22-21](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 22-10 and 22-11.
Received and filed
- 3 [AO 22-9](#) Amending the 2022 General Fund budget for the Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity.
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 Item 7 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

Consent agenda adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 22-156](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services December 1 to 14, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 22, 2022 and City Council public hearing for May 4, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2216A, Assessment No. 228515)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 22-157](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services December 14 to 30, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 22, 2022 and City Council public hearing for May 4, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2217A, Assessment No. 228516)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 22-252](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds up to \$300,000 from the Outdoor Recreation grant program and to apply for grants to other agencies and groups as needed for any matching amounts required.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 22-289](#) Memorializing the City Council's decision to grant an appeal by Thomas Schroeder from a decision of the BZA denying a rear-yard lot coverage variance requested for the purpose of building a new garage at 1446 Summit Avenue.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 22-291](#) Authorizing proper City officials to submit a Gateways for Growth Implementation Technical Assistance and Grants Program application.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 22-276](#) Approving the renaming of Ecolab Plaza to Osborn Plaza.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 7 [RES 22-278](#) Authorizing the conveyance of six City owned properties to the St. Paul Public School District.

Councilmember Noecker stated for the record that the City Attorney's Office told her there was no conflict of interest with her voting on this item while being on the board of one the schools. She then moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

11 [RES 22-245](#)

Authorizing the City to transfer \$4,500,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to a specific account for PED Tourism Package.

Nicolle Goodman, Director of Planning and Economic Development, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.

Councilmember Jalali spoke in support and moved approval.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Thao spoke in support.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM

Rules suspended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

[RES 22-312](#)

Recognizing Mike Hahm's career with the City of Saint Paul and congratulating him on his retirement.

Mayor Melvin Carter gave remarks via video message.

Councilmember Tolbert read from the resolution and presented it to Mike Hahm, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Council President Brendmoen thanked Hahm for his service.

Hahm thanked Brendmoen for their work together and talked about projects they worked on in Ward 5.

Councilmember Thao thanked Hahm for his service.

Hahm thanked Thao for their work together and talked about projects they worked on in Ward 1.

Councilmember Jalali thanked Hahm for his service.

Hahm thanked Jalali for their work together and talked about projects they worked on in Ward 4.

Councilmember Yang thanked Hahm for his service.

Hahm thanked Yang for their work together and talked about projects they worked on in Ward 6.

Councilmember Prince thanked Hahm for his service.

Hahm thanked Prince for their work together and talked about projects they worked on in Ward 7.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Councilmember Noecker thanked Hahm for his service.

Hahm thanked Noecker for their work together and talked about projects they worked on in Ward 2.

Tolbert thanked Hahm for his service and moved approval.

Hahm thanked Thao for their work together and talked about projects they worked on in Ward 3. He then gave closing remarks and thanked Parks and Recreation staff for their work.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

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 Legal Ledger. Public hearings on ordinances are held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

requiring council approval prior to submission of grant applications.

Council President Brendmoen moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

13 [Ord 22-8](#)

Granting the application of 560 Randolph Ave LLC to rezone property at 540 Randolph Avenue from T2 traditional neighborhood to I1 light industrial and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

14 [Ord 22-9](#)

Amending Section 3.02 of the Administrative Code to create an Office of Neighborhood Safety and immigrant and refugee program within the Office of the City Attorney.

Councilmember Prince spoke in favor and moved approval.

Councilmember Jalali spoke in favor.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in favor.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor.

Councilmember Thao spoke in favor.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

See below for ways to testify.

15 [RES PH 22-11](#)

Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) grant funds, enter in a grant agreement required as

a condition of receiving said funds, and to amend the Department financing and spending plan by \$136,167 for the Cochran Park Pool and Sculpture Restoration project.

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

16 [RES PH 22-18](#)

Amending the 2022 Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) spending and financing plans to record cost-neutral changes and carry forward adjustments, Citywide.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

17 [RES PH 22-26](#)

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement with indemnity obligations, and amending the Planning and Economic Development (PED) department operating budget related to the City's sponsorship of a Minnesota Investment Fund grant for the benefit of the Kalera, Inc. project located at 543 James Avenue.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

18 [RES PH 22-30](#)

Approving the application of the Saints Baseball, LLC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on March 17, 2022 at CHS Field - 360 N. Broadway St.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 22-31](#) Amending the spending budget for the Public Works Grant Fund related to the 2022 Ramsey County SCORE Incentive Grant.

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES PH 22-33](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$39,130 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education to pay for training for firefighters.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

Legislative hearing consent agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 21 [RLH FCO](#) Appeal of Daniel Burgess, 3M Aviation, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy
[21-185](#) Correction Notice at 680-690 BAYFIELD STREET.

Adopted as amended

- 22 [RLH TA 22-6](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1608 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J2205E, Assessment No. 228304)

Adopted

- 23 [RLH VO 22-10](#) Appeal of John & Wendy Slade to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate at 1005 CONWAY STREET.

Adopted

- 24 [RLH TA 22-4](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1066 DESOTO STREET. (File No. VB2205, Assessment No. 228804)

Adopted

- 25 [RLH RR 22-1](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 318 EDMUND AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-11. (Legislative Hearing on February 22, 2022)

Public hearing continued to March 16, 2022

- 26 [RLH RR 21-75](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 419 FRY STREET within fifteen (15) days after the January 12, 2022, City Council Public Hearing. (Legislative Hearing on February 22, 2022)

Adopted as amended (Granted 180 days to abate nuisance condition.)

- 27 [RLH RR 22-2](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1033 GALTIER STREET in Council File RLH RR 21-61.

Adopted as amended (Nuisance condition abated.)

- 28 [RLH VBR 22-12](#) Amending Council File RLH VBR 21-81, adopted December 7, 2021, to grant Derrick Malone, an additional extension to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement & Summary Abatement Order at 394 HOPE STREET.

Adopted

- 29 [RLH TA 22-37](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 687 JACKSON STREET. (File No. J2204P, Assessment No. 228403)

Adopted

- 30 [RLH FCO 22-14](#) Appeal of Deanna Seppanen, on behalf of Macalester College, to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1673 PRINCETON AVENUE.

Adopted

- 31 [RLH TA 22-5](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 855 RICE STREET. (File No. J2205B, Assessment No. 228104)

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 22-32](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1802 ROSS AVENUE. (File No. VB2205, Assessment No. 228804) (Public hearing continued to April 20, 2022)

Public hearing continued to April 20, 2022

- 33 [RLH VBR 22-10](#) Appeal of Matthew Wergin, on behalf of Scott Evans Wergin, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1340 SEARLE STREET.

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 22-1](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 782 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2204P, Assessment No. 228403)

Adopted

- 35 [RLH TA 22-60](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1941 STANFORD AVENUE. (File No. J2209A, Assessment No. 228508)

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 22-7](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1047 WAKEFIELD AVENUE. (File No. VB2205, Assessment No. 228804)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH TA 22-31](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 141 WINIFRED STREET WEST. (File No. VB2205, Assessment No. 228804)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH OA 22-2](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Home Buyers, LLC for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 702 WILSON AVENUE. (Legislative Hearing on February 22, 2022)

Adopted as amended (Recommend County deny application for repurchase, and if granted recommend condition that property be sold within 90 days.)

- 39 [RLH AR 21-119](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during September 1 to 13, 2021. (File No. J2209A, Assessment No. 218508)

Adopted

- 40 [RLH AR 21-120](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during September 14 to 30, 2021. (File No. J2210A, Assessment No. 218509)

Adopted

- 41 [RLH AR 22-5](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees

billed during March 29 to August 16, 2021. (File No. VB2205, Assessment No. 228804)

Adopted

- 42** [RLH AR 22-4](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2021. (File No. J2205B, Assessment No. 228104)

Adopted

- 43** [RLH AR 22-3](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during August 17 to September 13, 2021. (File No. CRT2205, Assessment No. 228204)

Adopted

- 44** [RLH AR 22-2](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during July 23 to August 20, 2021. (File No. J2205E, Assessment No. 228304)

Adopted

- 45** [RLH AR 22-1](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during September 13 to October 12, 2021. (File No. J2204P, Assessment No. 228403)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:40 pm

Present 7 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

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