



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Russel Balenger
Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 4 - Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Absent 3 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Jane L. Prince and Councilmember Russel Balenger

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 23-45](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1058 Jessie Street a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

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

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 2 [RES 23-1205](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Curtice Street from Woodbury Street to Andrew Street paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2022 St.

Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19257, Assessment No. 225204)

Adopted

- 3 [RES 23-1206](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Edgumbe Road from St. Paul Avenue to Fairview Avenue paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2022 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19234, Assessment No. 225202)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 23-1211](#) 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 September 27, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2302LDSRP, Assessment No. 234001)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 23-1212](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 27, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2302, Assessment No. 233001)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 23-1213](#) 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 September 27, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2303LDSRP, Assessment No. 234002)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 23-1214](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 27, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2303, Assessment No. 233002)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 23-1216](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during June 1 to 6, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 19, 2023 and City Council public hearing for January 3, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2401A, Assessment No. 248500)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 23-1217](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during June 7 to 30, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 19, 2023 and City Council public hearing for January 3, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2402A, Assessment No. 248501)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 23-1218](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Equipment and Labor for Clean Up services during June 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 19, 2023 and City Council public hearing for January 3, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2403A, Assessment No. 248502)
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 23-1224](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County for Right of Way acquisition related to the reconstruction of Rice Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Wheelock Parkway.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 23-1229](#) Consenting to the issuance of conduit revenue bonds by the Port Authority of the City for the benefit of District Energy Saint Paul, Inc. and approving a public hearing.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 23-1235](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Wheelock Parkway from east of Edgerton Street to west of Arcade Street paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2022 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19210, Assessment No. 225203)
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 23-1243](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs incurred to hold a graduation ceremony for the EMS Academy on October 9, 2023 at the Conway Recreation Center.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 23-1253](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Public Works Supervisor, Solid Waste in EG 10, Grade 036.
- Laid over to September 6, 2023**
- 16 [RES 23-1255](#) Approving the Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop license for Classic Collision LLC, d/b/a Classic Collision Summit Hill (License ID 20230000934) for the premises located at 90 Dale Street North.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 23-1256](#) Approving the Gas Station and Tobacco Shop licenses for Kareem, Inc. d/b/a I Mart St. Paul (License ID 20230000995) for the premises located at 296 - 7th Street East.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 23-1257](#) Authorizing the Horticulture Section at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory to

apply for a grant of up to \$400 from the Mid-America Orchid Congress and, if awarded, accept it for the purchase of orchid plants in the year 2023.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 23-1269](#) Authorizing the execution of a joint powers agreement between the Housing and Redevelopment Authority and The Metropolitan Council for the future development of land located near the green line light rail transit central station (District 17, Ward 2).

Adopted

- 20 [RES 23-1277](#) Authorizing the City to transfer \$1,500,000 of American Rescue Plan funds from the ARP Earn and Learn project to the ARP Lead Pipe Replacement project.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 23-1281](#) Honoring Cheryl Stern for her years of service as Director of Joseph's Coat, and in honor of her retirement, designating August 25th Cheryl Stern - Joseph's Coat Day in Saint Paul.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 23-1203](#) Approving the addition of retroactive language to the Animal Services Manager change in rate of pay.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 23 [RES PH 23-142](#) Approving the petition of Brian Ingram on behalf of Hope Fire House, LLC to vacate a portion of Leech Street from Grand Avenue to West Seventh Street. (Public hearing closed, laid over from August 23, 2023)

Councilmember Noecker moved to lay over for four weeks.

Laid over to September 20, 2023

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

SUSPENSION ITEM

[RES 23-1337](#)

Amending the local option sales tax ballot question language to be presented to the voters and directing the appropriate officials to take all necessary steps to place the amended ballot question on the November 7, 2023 general election ballot.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 24** [Ord 23-32](#) Amending Chapter 310 of the Legislative Code to correct license fee tables and implement annual license fee increases.
- Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to September 6, 2023 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger
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- 25** [Ord 23-38](#) Amending Sections 411.01 and 411.04 of the Legislative Code to remove a reference to previously removed consent requirements and remove the requirement for a prospective licensee to provide off-street parking.
- Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing.*
- Laid over to September 6, 2023 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger
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- 26** [RES PH 23-220](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$6,000,000 to utilize approved General Fund and City Bond Funds for the Pedro Park project. (Public hearing continued from August 16)

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 27** [RES PH 23-222](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the net amount of \$1,000,000 to reflect \$6,000,000 in additional funding from a State of Minnesota DEED grant and a \$5,000,000 reduction in city bond funding for the North End Community Center ("NECC") project. (Public hearing continued from August 16)

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 28** [RES PH 23-210](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$19,050 from the Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) for the Fish Hatchery Trail project.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 29** [RES PH 23-215](#) Amending the finance and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$40,000 from the Saint Paul Parks Conservancy, to reflect funds authorized for the Swede Hollow Revitalization Woodland Garden Construction project.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 30** [RES PH 23-214](#) Approving the petition of the Deanna Seppanen, on behalf of Macalester College, to vacate the remaining public alley rights opened, dedicated and platted in the block bounded by Grand Avenue, Macalester Street, Summit Avenue and Cambridge Street. (Public hearing closed and laid over from August 23, 2023)

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and lay over for two weeks.

Public hearing closed and laid over to September 6

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 31** [RES PH 23-217](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital and Operating Budgets for the Department's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Update Project.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 32** [RES PH 23-226](#) Amending the Regional Water Services 2023 financing and spending budget to include an additional \$1.5 Million in ARP funding for Lead Service Line Replacements.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 33** [RES PH 23-228](#) Approving the application of Church of the Holy Spirit, Justin Carrick, Business Administrator for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on September 9, 2023 at 515 Albert Street South - Church of the Holy Spirit school playground.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 34** [RES PH 23-230](#) Approving the application of Saint Paul Yacht Club for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 26, 2023 at SPYC Lower Harbor on Harriet Island.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 35** [RES PH 23-231](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 9, 2023 at the Minnesota State Capitol Grounds - 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 36** [RES PH 23-234](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, Margaret Cahill, Campus Life for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 31, 2023 at 2115 Summit Avenue - O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 37** [RES PH 23-235](#) Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD), to accept, and amend the Special Fund for, \$52,798 in funds from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the 2023 National Forensic Sciences Improvement 2023 Grant Program.
- Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger
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- 38** [RES PH 23-236](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$94.94 for the donation from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation for expenses related to Chris Parsons' funeral.
- Councilmember Yang moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger
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- 39** [RES PH 23-237](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to accept grant funds from the C.S. Mott Foundation, and to amend the financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$591,250, for the CollegeBound Saint Paul program and regional field building activities.
- Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger
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- 40** [RES PH 23-238](#) Authorizing the Office of Human Resources to accept the Living Cities \$5,000 Healing Justice Grant and the Living Cities \$10,000 Flexible Grants for a total of \$15,000.
- Councilmember Jalali moved approval.*
- Adopted**

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

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: 4 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

- 41** [RLH VBR 23-47](#) Appeal of Biniam Ansera to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1133 ARUNDEL STREET.

Adopted

- 42** [RLH TA 23-250](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 399 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. CG2302A2-1, Assessment No. 230112) (Public hearing closed, laid over from September 13, 2023)

Public hearing continued to September 13, 2023

- 43** [RLH TA 23-249](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2226 CARDINAL PLACE. (File No. CG2302A1, Assessment No. 230108)

Adopted

- 44** [RLH TA 23-266](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1999 CLEAR AVENUE. (File No. CG2302A1, Assessment No. 230108)

Adopted

- 45** [RLH TA 23-281](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 521 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2324A, Assessment No. 238531)

Adopted

- 46** [RLH TA 23-268](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1322 ELEANOR AVENUE. (File No. J2325A, Assessment No. 238533)

Adopted

- 47 [RLH TA 23-283](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1762 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. VB2310, Assessment No. 238813)

Adopted

- 48 [RLH VBR 23-44](#) Appeal of Taylor Swartwood to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 856 EUCLID STREET.

Adopted

- 49 [RLH TA 23-296](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 381 FRY STREET. (File No. J2324A, Assessment No. 238531) (Public hearing continued to October 11, 2023)

Public hearing continued to October 11, 2023

- 50 [RLH VBR 23-46](#) Appeal of Ashley DuBose to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 619 MENDOTA STREET.

Adopted

- 51 [RLH TA 23-269](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1777 RANDOLPH AVENUE. (File No. J2325A, Assessment No. 238533)

Adopted

- 52 [RLH TA 23-252](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 314 ROBIE STREET WEST. (File No. CG2302A1, Assessment No. 230108)

Adopted

- 53 [RLH RR 23-47](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 2120 ROSE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-9.

Adopted

- 54 [RLH TA 23-274](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 584 SNELLING AVENUE SOUTH. (File No. J2325A, Assessment No. 238533)

Adopted

- 55 [RLH TA 23-280](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1921 ST. ANTHONY AVENUE. (File No. J2325A, Assessment No. 238533)

Adopted

- 56 [RLH TA 23-251](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1251 WATSON AVENUE. (File No. CG2302A1, Assessment No. 230108)

Adopted

- 57 [RLH TA 23-267](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1261

WOODBIDGE STREET. (File No. CG2302A1; Assessment No. 230108)

Adopted

- 58 [RLH AR 23-57](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2023. (File No. CG2302A1, Assessment No. 230108)

Adopted

- 59 [RLH AR 23-58](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2023. (File No. CG2302A2, Assessment No. 230109)

Adopted

- 60 [RLH AR 23-59](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during April 19 to 28, 2023. (File No. J2324A, Assessment No. 238531)

Adopted as amended (746 Montana Ave E removed and referred to September 5, 2023 Legislative Hearing)

- 61 [RLH AR 23-60](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during May 1 to 11, 2023. (File No. J2325A, Assessment No. 238533)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:45 PM

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