



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, August 19, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Absent 1 - Councilmember Jane L. Prince

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 20-35](#) Amending HOME activities budgets.
Received and filed
- 2 [AO 20-36](#) Amending CDBG activities budgets.
Received and filed
- 3 [AO 20-37](#) Amending CDBG projects budgets to include the 2020 spending plan.
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**Consent Agenda adopted**

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Prince

- 4 [RES 20-1090](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during June 2 to 11, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 15, 2020 and City Council public hearing for January 6, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2101A, Assessment No. 218500)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 5 [RES 20-1091](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during June 12 to 30, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 15, 2020 and City Council public hearing for January 6, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 6 [RES 20-1106](#) Establishing the rate of pay for the new Natural Resources Supervisor classification.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Laid over to August 26 for adoption

- 7 [RES 20-1129](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Parking Systems Supervisor in EG 10, Grade 041.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Laid over to August 26 for adoption

- 8 [RES 20-1103](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Adam M. Niblick to a three-year term on the Administrative Committee of the Pension Plan of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 9 [RES 20-1135](#) Authorizing Mayor Carter's Office to submit a McKnight Foundation Climate and Energy Program Grant Proposal.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 10 [RES 20-1124](#) Memorializing the City Council's decision denying an appeal from a decision of the Planning Commission approving a parking variance and a conditional use permit to construct a multi-family residential housing development at 337 West Seventh Street.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember Prince joined the meeting.

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

- 11 [SR 20-56](#) 2021 property tax trends presentation from Ramsey County and City budget discussion.

Received and filed

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.

Second Reading

- 12 [Ord 20-11](#) Amending the Appendix to Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pursuant to Section 17.07.1 of the Charter, and Section 409.20 of the Legislative Code to create an additional Commercial Development District at 974 7th Street West.
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Laid over to August 26 for third reading/public hearing**
- 13 [Ord 20-25](#) Amending the Appendix to Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code Pursuant to Section 17.07.1 of the Charter, and Section 409.20 of the Legislative Code to expand the Commercial Development District at 1 Leech Street to include 200 Grand Avenue.
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Laid over to August 26 for third reading/public hearing**
- 14 [Ord 20-26](#) Granting the application of Houa Vang and Yia Thao to rezone property at 1428 East 7th Street from split RM1/RM2 to all RM2 Medium-Density Multiple-Family Residential, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Laid over to August 26 for third reading/public hearing**
- 15 [Ord 20-27](#) Granting the application of Chet Funk et al. to rezone property at 1074 to 1096 James Avenue from R4 One-Family Residential to RM2 Medium-Density Multiple-Family Residential, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.
- Sponsors:** Tolbert
- Laid over to August 26 for third reading/public hearing**

First Reading

- 16 [Ord 20-28](#) Amending Legislative Code Chapters 60, 63, and 66 pertaining to the RM zoning districts.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Laid over to August 26 for third reading/public hearing**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 17 [RES PH 20-166](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to accept a \$50,000 grant from PolicyLink for the Cities and Counties for Fines and Fee Justice initiative, and amending the 2020 budget.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 18 [RES PH 20-173](#) Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to accept the \$23,582,254 federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) aid from the State of Minnesota to address the COVID-19 pandemic, and amending the 2020 budget to incorporate this funding.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 19 [RES PH 20-168](#) Amending the financing and spending plan of the Saint Paul Public Library for the Hayden Heights and St. Anthony libraries.
- Sponsors:** Prince and Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

- 20** [RES PH 20-164](#) Approving the use of 2020 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program funds for completion of the 2019 Annual Court project at the West Minnehaha Recreation Center, and amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$4,606.50 for the project.

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21** [RES PH 20-159](#) Amending the finance and spending budget in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$25,000 to reflect grant funds received from the I.A. O'Shaugnessy Foundation from the Grant holder's fiscal agent Minnesota Landmark for the Rice Park Revitalization project.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22** [RES PH 20-169](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept funds in the amount of \$12,500 from the Capitol Region Watershed District's (CRWD) Partner Grants program, authorizing the proper City officials to execute an agreement with the CRWD in compliance with all applicable laws, and amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$12,500 to reflect funds received for the Parks Ambassadors program.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 23 [RES PH 20-160](#) Approving adverse action against the Auto Body Repair Garage and Second Hand Dealer License application held by A & M Auto Sales Inc., d/b/a A & M Auto Sales (License ID# 20110000794) at 845 Robert Street. (Public hearing continued from August 5 and August 12)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

Approval of the Consent Agenda

For the following cases, no objections to the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendations were received, and therefore the recommendation is to adopt the items.

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

Nay: 0

- 24 [RLH SAO 20-12](#) Appeal of KateLynn Hibbard to a Notice to Cut Tall Grass and/or Weeds at 881 COTTAGE AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 26 [RLH VO 20-35](#) Appeal of Leo J Domenichetti to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 1145 FOURTH STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

- 31 [RLH TA 20-375](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 169 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. CRT2011, Assessment No. 208210)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 20-484](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 575 MCKNIGHT ROAD SOUTH. (File No. VB2007A, Assessment No. 208817)

 Sponsors: Prince

 Adopted
- 33 [RLH CO 20-11](#) Appeal of Elsie Mayard to a Correction Notice at 755 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST.

 Sponsors: Thao

 Adopted
- 35 [RLH TA 20-521](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1262 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2007A, Assessment No. 208817)

 Sponsors: Prince

 Adopted
- 37 [RLH VO 20-30](#) Appeal of Thomas Mueller - SMRLS representing Selina Duncan to a Correction Notice - Re-Inspection Complaint (Condemnation) at 170 RUTH STREET NORTH #304.

 Sponsors: Prince

 Adopted
- 38 [RLH TA 20-368](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 564 SIMPSON STREET. (File No. CRT2011, Assessment No. 208210)

 Sponsors: Jalali

 Adopted
- 39 [RLH VO 20-32](#) Appeal of Paul Olson to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 771 SIXTH STREET EAST.

 Sponsors: Yang

 Adopted
- 41 [RLH AR 20-99](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration Fees billed during August 22, 2019 to February 18, 2020. (File No. VB2011, Assessment No. 208813)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Adopted

- 42 [RLH AR 20-100](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed during January 8 to February 15, 2020. (File No. CRT2011, Assessment No. 208210)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 43 [RLH AR 20-101](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during January 21 to February 20, 2020. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda

For the following cases, no objections to the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendations were received, and therefore the recommendation is to amend and adopt the items.

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

Nay: 0

- 28 [RLH TA 20-380](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2095 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (Legislative Hearing on August 18)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)

- 29 [RLH TA 20-372](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 75 ISABEL STREET EAST. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (Legislative Hearing on August 18)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)

For the following case, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends continuing the public hearing to September 2, 2020.

- 36 [RLH TA 20-519](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1106/1108/1110 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. VB2011, Assessment No. 208813) (Public hearing to be continued to September 2)

Sponsors: Yang

Public hearing continued to September 2

For the following cases, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends continuing the public hearing to January 6, 2021.

- 27 [RLH TA 20-532](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1941 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (Public hearing continued to January 6, 2021)

Sponsors: Prince

Public hearing continued to January 6, 2021

- 34 [RLH TA 20-370](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 763 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (Public hearing to be continued to January 6, 2021)

Sponsors: Yang

Public hearing continued to January 6, 2021

- 40 [RLH TA 20-367](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 491 WHEELLOCK PARKWAY EAST. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (Public hearing to be continued to January 6, 2021)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Public hearing continued to January 6, 2021

For the following case, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends referring the matter to Legislative Hearing on January 19, 2021.

- 25** [RLH TA 20-373](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1450 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on January 19, 2021)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Referred to Legislative Hearings on January 19, 2021

The following case is contested, and therefore the Legislative Hearing Officer will put a staff report on the record.

- 30** [RLH RR 19-29](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 864 MARION STREET within fifteen (15) days after the December 18, 2019 City Council public hearing. (Public hearing continued from August 12) (Amend to remove within 15 days)

Sponsors: Thao

Public hearing continued to August 26

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned

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