



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, January 26, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

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 22-9](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 22-5 and 22-6.

Received and Filed

2 [AO 22-4](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for 2022 District Council Community Engagement program.

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 Jalali stated that Item 12 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 22-91](#) Approving a Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (A) license to EM Que Viet LLC d/b/a EM Que Viet Restaurant and Bar (License ID #20210001847) for the premises located at 1332 Grand Avenue.

Adopted

- 4 [RES 22-99](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20210010106 for Roadway Base Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 22-100](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20210010301 for Signal Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

Adopted

- 6 [RES 22-101](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20210010308 for Signal Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 22-102](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase refreshments for employee recognition ceremonies and events in 2022.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 22-103](#) Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to community meetings and events in 2022.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 22-106](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase food and beverages for law enforcement trainings conducted in 2022.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 22-107](#) Authorizing the Police Department expenditures for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training program conducted in 2022.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 22-108](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase water and refreshments for witnesses, victims, and suspects during critical incident investigations and assistance programs.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 22-112](#) Authorizing the City to apply for Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Redevelopment Grant funding for a project a 176 Robert Street South.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 22-115](#) Authorizing the City of St. Paul to enter into an Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation relating to professional and technical services for the Robert Street Corridor in Downtown St. Paul (SP 6217-51), which will be reconstructed in 2025 and 2026.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 22-118](#) Appointing the firm of Madden Galanter Hansen, LLP under the direction of Susan Hansen as special counsel representing the City of Saint Paul in the matter of St. Paul Police Federation and City of Saint Paul, BMS Case No. 22PN0723, Contract Mediation.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 22-130](#) Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Malt On Sale (Brewery Taproom), Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Malt Off Sale (Brewery) and Entertainment (A) License to Metronome Brewery LLC d/b/a Metronome Brewery (License ID # 2022000010) for the premises located at 289 5th Street East Suite 104.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 22-131](#) Consenting, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 24.03(A)(1)(iii), to Kristin Guild performing work in furtherance of community development investments within Saint Paul.
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 22-133](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for Kitty's Corner 2 Inc. (License ID# 20160000243), d/b/a Kitty's Corner 2, to add a Malt Off Sale license to the existing Gas Station and Cigarette/Tobacco licenses, located at 1530 Sherwood Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 22-94](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Grants Compliance Supervisor in Grade 024 of EG 09, Saint Paul Supervisors Organization (SPSO).
- Adopted**

20 [RES 22-95](#) Establishing the rate of pay for an existing classification of IS Information/Technical Analyst VI to be placed in Grade 24T of EG 09, Saint Paul Supervisors Organization (SPSO).

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

12 [RES 22-110](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for the University of St. Thomas (ID# 20110002908), d/b/a same, for an Expansion of Liquor On Sale - 291 or more Seats, located at 2115 Summit Avenue.

Councilmember Jalali thanked staff, spoke in support, and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM

Moved by Councilmember Tolbert, is Rules Suspended. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

[RES 22-180](#) Recognizing Ricardo Cervantes' career with the City of Saint Paul and congratulating him on his retirement.

Councilmember Tolbert thanked staff and read from the resolution.

Ricardo Cervantes provided remarks.

Councilmember Thao thanked Cervantes and spoke in support.

Councilmember Jalali thanked Cervantes and spoke in support.

Councilmember Prince thanked Cervantes and spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang thanked Cervantes and spoke in support.

Councilmember Noecker thanked Cervantes and spoke in support.

Councilmember Tolbert thanked Cervantes and spoke in support.

Council President Brendmoen Tolbert thanked Cervantes and spoke in support.

Cervantes provided closing remarks.

Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

21 [RES 22-109](#)

Authorizing the execution of a joint powers agreement with the City of Minneapolis, Ramsey County, and Hennepin County and application to the Economic Development Administration's Good Jobs Challenge.

Mary Rick, Director of Business Development for St. Paul Planning and Economic Development, and Ling Becker, Director of Workforce Solutions for Ramsey County, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

22 [RES 22-132](#)

Accepting the Customer and Constituent Services Study Report conducted by Cultivate Strategy to study and make recommendations regarding the city's process to receive and respond to non-emergency resident complaints and feedback.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support and moved approval.

Councilmember Prince spoke in favor.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

23 [RES 22-96](#)

Appointing the firm of Iverson Reuvers as Special Counsel representing Saint Paul Police Officer Jeremy Doverspike in the matter of Cullars-Doty, et al. v. City of Saint Paul, et al. (Laid over from January 19, 2022.)

Portia Hampton-Flowers, Deputy City Attorney, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions on Items 23 and 24.

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

- 24** [RES 22-97](#) Appointing the firm of Jardine, Logan, and O'Brien, PLLP, as Special Counsel representing Saint Paul Police Officer Daniel Peck in the matter of Cullars-Doty, et al. v. City of Saint Paul, et al. (Laid over from January 19, 2022.)

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

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

- 25** [Ord 22-4](#) Amending Chapter 246 of the Legislative Code to allow possession and consumption of nonintoxicating malt liquor and intoxicating liquor up to 5.5% alcohol by weight within picnic shelters, facilities or areas within any park, playground or recreation center designated for that purpose by the parks and recreation director instead of only allowing possession and consumption of 3.2% alcohol by weight nonintoxicating malt liquor.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 26** [Ord 22-6](#) Granting the application of Vu Investments LLC to rezone the property at 1128 Mackubin Street from R4 single-family residential to RT1 two-family residential and amending Legislative Code Section 60.303 to reflect the change.

Laid over to February 2 for second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

See below for ways to testify.

- 27 [Ord 22-5](#) Granting the application of Obsa Negassa to rezone property at 647 York Ave from B3 general business to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing.

Public hearing closed; Laid over to February 2 for third reading/final adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 28 [RES PH 21-342](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to assemble final funding for the demolition of the City-owned 677 Pierce Butler property, as part of the Pierce Butler Realignment 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

- 29 [RES PH 22-13](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept a grant from the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources, for the 2022 No Child Left Inside Grant.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 30 [RES PH 22-12](#) Approving the application of the Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on February 2, 2022 within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Ave. N.

Councilmember Thao 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 (Items 31 to 43)

Councilmember Noecker 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

- 31** [RLH TA 21-450](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 0 AMES AVENUE aka 1883 AMES AVENUE. (File No. J2204A, Assessment No. 228503)
- Adopted**
- 32** [RLH RR 21-68](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 939 CHARLES AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 22, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing continued to January 26, 2022 with Legislative Hearing on January 25, 2022)
- Continue public hearing to February 9**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 33** [RLH TA 21-443](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 845 COOK AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2204A, Assessment No. 228503)
- Adopted**
- 34** [RLH TA 21-410](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 52 GERANIUM AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2203A, Assessment No. 228502) (Public hearing continued to September 28, 2022)

Public hearing continued to September 28

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

Nay: 0

35 [RLH RR 21-79](#)

Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1013 JAMESON STREET in Council File RLH RR 21-49. (Amend to grant additional time)

Adopted as amended (extension granted)

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

Nay: 0

36 [RLH RR 21-77](#)

Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1023 JESSIE STREET in Council File RLH RR 21-25. (Amend to grant 180 days)

Adopted as amended (extension granted)

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

Nay: 0

37 [RLH VBR 22-3](#)

Appeal of Maher Safi to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1354 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

Adopted

38 [RLH VO 22-2](#)

Appeal of Noah Rector to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 390 SIMS AVENUE.

Adopted

39 [RLH FCO 22-2](#)

Appeal of Paris Getty to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection at 855 THIRD STREET EAST.

Adopted

40 [RLH VBR 22-1](#)

Appeal of Brian Galvin to a Vacant Building Registration Fee at 1503 VAN BUREN AVENUE.

Adopted

41 [RLH TA 21-430](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 109 WINNIPEG AVENUE. (File No. J2203A, Assessment No. 228502)

Adopted

- 42 [RLH AR 21-101](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during July 1 to 13, 2021. (File No. J2203A, Assessment No. 228502)

Adopted

- 43 [RLH AR 21-102](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during July 15 to 30, 2021. (File No. J2204A, Assessment No. 228503)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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