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City of Saint Paul

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City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

*Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Nelsie Yang*

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Brendmoen at 3:31 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 20-35** Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 20-18.
Received and filed
- 2 **AO 20-31** Amending the CDBG project budget.
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 (Items 3 - 13)

Items 6, 10, and 11 were removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Councilmember Thao moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

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 20-932** Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during April 30 to May 13, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 18, 2020 and City Council public hearing for June 2, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2023A, Assessment No. 208539)
Adopted
- 4 RES 20-933** Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during May 15 to 28, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for August 18, 2020 and City Council public hearing for June 2, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2024A, Assessment No. 208540)
Adopted
- 5 RES 20-951** Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Lauderdale to provide fire and hazardous materials response to the City of Lauderdale.
Adopted
- 7 RES 20-963** Approving the Mayor's appointment of Alene Tchourumoff to the Board of Water Commissioners.
Adopted
- 8 RES 20-965** Approving the Mayor's appointment of Daniel Yang to the Capital Area Architectural and Planning Board.
Adopted
- 9 RES 20-966** Approving the Mayor's appointment of Robin Hickman to the Saint Paul Neighborhood Network.
Adopted
- 12 RES 20-975** Approving and authorizing subordination of a STAR loan made to Bad Weather Brewing.
Adopted

13 RES 20-950 Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Development funding for projects at 2481 Como Avenue and 617 Stryker Avenue.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

6 RES 20-962 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Matt Slaven to the Saint Paul Port Authority.

Councilmember Noecker asked whether anyone from the administration was present to speak to the consideration this appointment. She said the Council had talked for awhile about the diversity of the Port board. No one was present. Councilmember Noecker moved a one-week layover.

Council members Prince, Thao, and Jalali spoke in support of the motion.

Laid over to July 22

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

Nay: 0

10 RES 20-971 Approving the Mayor's appointment of John McCarthy to serve as the City's Office of Financial Services Director, effective July 20, 2020.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval of the resolution.

Mr. McCarthy was sworn in by City Clerk Shari Moore.

Council President Brendmoen welcomed Mr. McCarthy and thanked him for his service in the interim position. Mr. McCarthy made brief comments.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

11 RES 20-972 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Sean Kershaw to serve as the City's Director of Public Works, effective July 20, 2020.

Council President Brendmoen moved approval of the resolution.

Mr. Kershaw was sworn in by City Clerk Shari Moore.

Council members welcomed Mr. Kershaw and Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Kershaw made brief comments.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

14 RES 20-959

Authorizing the appropriate City officials to enter into the Violence Prevention Initiative Joint Powers Agreement with the Ramsey County Department of Public Health.

Council President Brendmoen said this had been laid over the previous week because the attachment with the agreement was missing.

Councilmember Noecker said she appreciated being able to look at the joint powers agreement before approving it. She asked that the requested quarterly reports also be shared with the City Council, and that the Council hear from the administration soon on how the success of the program would be evaluated.

Council members Prince, Jalali, Yang, and Council President Brendmoen made follow-up comments.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval of the resolution.

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 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

15 Ord 20-22

Granting the application of Selby Dale LLC to rezone the property at 156 Dale Street from B2 Community Business to T3 Traditional Neighborhood, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Thao made brief comments about the project, and moved final adoption of the ordinance.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 16 Ord 20-24** Granting the application of 978 Front LLC to rezone property at 978 Front Avenue from B2 Community Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.
- Josh Williams, Planning and Economic Development, gave a staff report at the request of Councilmember Thao.*
- No testimony was received. Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing.*
- Public hearing held and closed; laid over to July 22 for final adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 17 RES PH 20-143** Approving the petition of Paul M. Sawyer to vacate a portion of Hastings Avenue, as dedicated in Burlington Park, Ramsey County, and abutting Lot 3, Block 1, John R. Dunn Addition.
- Bruce Engelbrekt, Real Estate, gave a staff report.*
- Councilmember Prince thanked Mr. Engelbrekt and Real Estate staff for their work.*
- Written testimony was received and attached to the record. Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 18 RES PH 20-154** Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$125,000 for a contribution received from the State of Minnesota to pay for training and equipment from the Fire Department Hazardous Materials team.
- No testimony was received. Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

- 19 **RES PH 20-153** Approving the request for sound level variances for Granite Inliner, LLC. to allow for multiple cure-in-place sewer liner projects at eleven (11) locations within the City of Saint Paul (Aldine between St. Anthony and University; Cleveland between Marshall and Dayton; Cleveland between Portland and Ashland; Como between Snelling and Pascal; Grand between Cleveland and Prior; Marshall between Prior and Howell; Marshall between Snelling and Asbury; Pelham between Wabash and Myrtle; Portland between Hamline and Syndicate; Rice between Maryland and Ivy and Snelling between Upper St. Dennis and Edgumbe) from September 8 through October 9, 2020.

Written testimony was received and attached to the record. Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

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; 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

- 21 **RLH TA 20-121** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1159 CENTRAL AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG1904E2, Assessment No. 190161)

Adopted

- 22 **RLH TA 20-374** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 768 DESOTO STREET. (File No. J2008E, Assessment No. 208307)

Adopted

- 26 **RLH TA 20-38** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 848 JENKS AVENUE. (File No. CG1904D1, Assessment No. 190156)

Adopted

- 28 **RLH TA 20-243** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2085 LACROSSE AVENUE. (File No. J2008E, Assessment No. 208307)

Adopted

- 29 **RLH TA 20-164** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 59
LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2007E, Assessment No. 208306)
Adopted
- 31 **RLH TA 20-228** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 885
MARGARET STREET. (File No. VB2008, Assessment No. 208807)
Adopted
- 33 **RLH TA 20-103** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1865
MARGARET STREET. (File No. CG1904E2, Assessment No. 190161)
Adopted
- 35 **RLH TA 20-114** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2127
NORTONIA AVENUE. (File No. CG1904C3, Assessment No. 190154)
Adopted
- 36 **RLH TA 20-104** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1078
REANEY AVENUE. (File No. CG1904D2, Assessment No. 190157)
Adopted
- 37 **RLH TA 20-156** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1941
SELBY AVENUE. (File No. CRT2007, Assessment No. 208206)
Adopted
- 39 **RLH TA 20-272** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1032
SIXTH STREET EAST. (File No. VB2008, Assessment No. 208807)
Adopted
- 40 **RLH TA 20-231** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 678
SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2008E, Assessment No.
208307)
Adopted
- 42 **RLH TA 20-219** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 658-660
THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. CG1904E3-1, Assessment No. 200170)
Adopted
- 43 **RLH TA 20-153** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 410
VIRGINIA STREET. (File No. CG1904E4, Assessment No. 190163)
Adopted

- 44 **RLH TA 20-364** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 912 YORK AVENUE. (File No. VB2007, Assessment No. 208806)
Adopted
- 54 **RLH AR 20-47** Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 2019. (File No. J2007B, Assessment No. 208106) (Public hearing continued from April 8)
Adopted
- 55 **RLH AR 20-48** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed during September 17 to October 10, 2019. (File No. CRT2007, Assessment No. 208206) (Public hearing continued from April 8)
Adopted
- 56 **RLH AR 20-49** Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during September 23 to October 21, 2019. (File No. J2007E, Assessment No. 208306) (Public hearing continued from April 8)
Adopted
- 59 **RLH AR 20-60** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration Fees billed during February 5 to November 22, 2019. (File No. VB2008, Assessment No. 208807) (Public hearing continued from May 20)
Adopted
- 62 **RLH AR 20-90** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during September 12 to January 16, 2020. (File No. VB2010, Assessment No. 208811)
Adopted
- 63 **RLH AR 20-91** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during December 18 to January 6, 2020. (File No. CRT2010, Assessment No. 208209)
Adopted
- 64 **RLH AR 20-92** Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during December 23 to January 17, 2020. (File No. J2010E, Assessment No. 208315)
Adopted

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

- 20 **RLH TA 20-388** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 460 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. CG1904E4, Assessment No. 190163) (Amend to delete)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 25 **RLH TA 20-229** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 847 HUDSON ROAD. (File No. VB2007, Assessment No. 208806)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 27 **RLH TA 19-797** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 823 JUNO AVENUE. (File No. J2004A, Assessment No. 208503) (Public hearing continued from April 15)
Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)
- 30 **RLH TA 20-386** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2300 LONG AVENUE. (File No. CG1904D3, Assessment No. 190158) (Legislative Hearing on July 9) (Amend to delete)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 32 **RLH TA 20-402** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1847 MARGARET STREET. (File No. CG1904E3, Assessment No. 190162) (Legislative Hearing on July 9)
Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)
- 34 **RLH TA 19-754** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1015 MCLEAN AVENUE. (File No. J2004A, Assessment No. 208503) (Public hearing continued from April 15)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 41 **RLH TA 20-401** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 700 SURREY AVENUE. (File No. CG1904E4, Assessment No. 190163) (Legislative Hearing on July 9, 2020)
Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)
- 53 **RLH AR 20-46** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration Fees billed during July 4 to October 21, 2019. (File No. VB2007, Assessment No. 208806) (Public hearing continued from April 8)
Adopted as amended (1262 Minnehaha Avenue East, 912 York Avenue, 575 McKnight Road South removed from the assessment roll and referred to Legislative Hearings)
- 60 **RLH AR 20-62** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed during October 14 to November 20, 2019. (File No. CRT2008, Assessment No. 208207) (Public hearing continued from May 20)

Adopted as amended (58 Lawson Avenue West removed from the assessment roll and referred to Legislative Hearings)

- 61 RLH AR 20-63 Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during October 22 to November 21, 2019. (File No. J2008E, Assessment No. 208307) (Public hearing continued from May 20)

Adopted as amended (768 Desoto Street removed from the assessment roll and referred to Legislative Hearings)

For the following case, the recommendation is to refer the item to Legislative Hearing on July 16, 2020.

- 24 RLH TA 20-387 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 37 HATCH AVENUE. (File No. CG1904D3, Assessment No. 190158) (To be referred back to July 16, 2020)

Referred to Legislative Hearings on July 16

For the following items, the recommendation is to continue the public hearing to January 13, 2021 – per request of the Mayor to assist residents with deferment of nuisance-abatement related assessment until 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- 23 RLH TA 20-158 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 365 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. 2003T, Assessment No. 209002)

Public hearing continued to January 13, 2021

- 38 RLH TA 20-340 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 158 SIDNEY STREET EAST. (File No. J2010E, Assessment No. 208315) (Public hearing to be continued to January 13, 2021)

Public hearing continued to January 13, 2021

- 57 RLH AR 20-50 Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Dangerous Tree(s) from June to December 2018. (File No. 2003T, Assessment No. 208002) (Public hearing continued from April 8)

Public hearing continued to January 13, 2021

- 58 RLH AR 20-51 Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Dangerous Tree(s) during November 2019 at 1306 Fairmount Avenue. (File No. 2004T, Assessment No. 208003) (Public hearing continued from April 8)

Public hearing continued to January 13, 2021

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Items 46, 47 and 50 will be read as one item, as they all pertain to “Ratifying the assessment for the City’s cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019.” The files included are RLH AR 20-29, 20-30 and 20-33. The recommendation is to adopt.

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

Nay: 0

46 RLH AR 20-29 Ratifying the assessment for the City’s cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904D2, Assessment No. 190157) (Public hearing continued from June 10)

Adopted

47 RLH AR 20-30 Ratifying the assessment for the City’s cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904D3, Assessment No. 190158) (Public hearing continued from June 10)

Adopted

50 RLH AR 20-33 Ratifying the assessment for the City’s cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904E2, Assessment No. 190161) (Public hearing continued from June 10)

Adopted

Item 45, 48, 49, 51 and 52 will be read as one item as they all pertain to “Ratifying the assessment for the City’s cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019.” The files included are RLH AR 20-28, 20-31, 20-32, 20-42 and 20-43. The recommendation is to amend and adopt.

45 RLH AR 20-28 Ratifying the assessment for the City’s cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904D1, Assessment No. 190156) (Public hearing continued from June 10)

Adopted as amended

48 RLH AR 20-31 Ratifying the assessment for the City’s cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904D4, Assessment No. 190159) (Public hearing continued from June 10)

Adopted as amended

49 **RLH AR 20-32** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904E1, Assessment No. 190160) (Public hearing continued from June 10)

Adopted as amended

51 **RLH AR 20-42** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904E3, Assessment No. 190162) (Public hearing continued from June 10)

Adopted as amended

52 **RLH AR 20-43** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904E4, Assessment No. 190163) (Public hearing continued from June 10)

Adopted as amended

Council members shared information about events in their wards.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Brendmoen adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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