



City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard

City of Saint Paul

Council Chambers - 3rd
Floor

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

651-266-8560

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Kassim Busuri
Councilmember Mitra Jalali Nelson
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Brendmoen at 3:32 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 **CO 19-41** Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 578 Lafond Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and filed

- 2 **AO 19-39** Establishing one (1) account code for a Year-Round STAR award adopted via City Council Resolution RES 19-981, and amending one (1) Year-Round STAR account to reflect the approved dollar amount via Resolution RES 19-570.
Received and filed

- 3 **AO 19-45** Amending the Home project budget: Moving the 2018 HOME admin budget to a new project.
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 Prince moved approval of the Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 4 **RES 19-1289** Approving the Great River Rail Commission Joint Powers Agreement for the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

- 5 **RES 19-1246** Establishing the Snelling Midway Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management District and establishing connection and ongoing operation and maintenance charges for property and uses served by the district's stormwater infrastructure.

Adopted

- 6 **RES 19-1242** Approving the revised petition from Webb A White Trustee for specially assessing the costs of a fire protection system at 161 Snelling Avenue North (Project No. FP2019-03, Assessment No. 197102).

Adopted

- 7 **RES 19-1208** Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration Fees billed during July 6, 2018 to April 24, 2019, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 3, 2019 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2020 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2001, Assessment No. 208800)

Adopted

- 8 **RES 19-1209** Approving the City's cost of providing Boarding and/or Securing services during May 2019, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 3, 2019 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2020 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2001B, Assessment No. 208100)

Adopted

- 9 **RES 19-1210** Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed during March 20 to April 23, 2019, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 3, 2019 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2020 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2001, Assessment No. 208200)
Adopted
- 10 **RES 19-1212** Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during March 22 to April 19, 2019, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 3, 2019 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2020 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2001E, Assessment No. 208300)
Adopted
- 11 **RES 19-1213** Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during March 30 to June 12, 2019, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 3, 2019 and City Council public hearing for January 8, 2020 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2001P, Assessment No. 208400)
Adopted
- 12 **RES 19-1281** Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Property during April to June 2017 at 876 Galtier Street, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 18, 2019 to consider and levy the assessments. (File No. 1704LDSRP1, Assessment No. 194004)
Adopted
- 13 **RES 19-1284** Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Properties during April to June 2019, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 18, 2019 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 1904LDSRP, Assessment No. 194003)
Adopted
- 14 **RES 19-1285** Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties during April to June 2019, and setting date of City Council public hearing for September 18, 2019 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP1904, Assessment No. 193003)
Adopted

- 15 **RES 19-1192** Establishing the rate of pay for Compensation Analyst in Grade 017, of Employee Group 17, Non-Represented Managers.
Adopted
- 16 **RES 19-1207** Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2019 Wage and Fringe Adjustment for the Plumbers, Local 34.
Adopted
- 17 **RES 19-1214** Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2022) between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association Pipefitters Local Union No. 455.
Adopted
- 18 **RES 19-1263** Approving a Special Law enacted by the Minnesota State Legislature during the 2019 1st Special Session that increased the allowable rate of the supplemental hotel and motel tax from three to four percent.
Adopted
- 19 **RES 19-1250** Authorizing the Fire Department to solicit funds to pay for a bronze bust of William and Alfred Godette to be displayed in the lobby of Fire Department Headquarters.
Adopted
- 20 **RES 19-1215** Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development Grant for 411-417 Lexington Parkway North (Lexington Parkway Apartment Project).
Adopted
- 21 **RES 19-1216** Authorizing this Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account Development Grant for 1428 East Seventh Street (The Parkway) and 262 University Avenue (Springboard for the Arts).
Adopted
- 22 **RES 19-1218** Authorizing the City to apply for Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Redevelopment Grant funding for the Public Safety Annex and Northwest Corner of University and Dale projects.
Adopted
- 23 **RES 19-1267** Approving a third extension of the Skyway Use Permit for Speaking of Home for the installation of Public Art in the Public Right-of-Way.
Adopted

- 24 **RES 19-1204** Recalling RES 19-544 pending a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge regarding Midway Amoco BP at 1347 University Avenue.
Adopted
- 25 **RES 19-1222** Approving adverse action against the Taxicab Vehicle License held by Abdurahman Tolla, d/b/a Airport Express Super Taxi.
Adopted
- 26 **RES 19-1236** Approving adverse action against the Taxicab Vehicle License held by Kassim Hebo, d/b/a Airport Express Super Taxi.
Adopted
- 27 **RES 19-1237** Approving adverse action against the Taxicab Vehicle License held by Ali YaYa, d/b/a Airport Express Super Taxi.
Adopted
- 28 **RES 19-1238** Approving adverse action against the Taxicab Vehicle License held by Kassim Logomo, d/b/a Airport Express Super Taxi.
Adopted
- 29 **RES 19-1276** Authorizing Benjamin Helberg and Tara Schwerger to proceed In Forma Pauperis on their appeal of the destruction of a dangerous dog.
Adopted

SUSPENSION ITEM

Councilmember Noecker moved suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

RES 19-995 Honoring the winners of the Law Day art contest.

Meghan Kisch, City Attorney's Office, introduced the winners. The winners introduced themselves and displayed their artwork. Ms. Kisch read the resolution.

Council President Brendmoen and Councilmember Prince made brief comments.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval of the resolution.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Councilmember Thao moved suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

RES 19-1315

Honoring and commemorating the life and contributions of Nhia Yong Thao.

Councilmember Thao made brief comments and moved approval of the resolution.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

FOR DISCUSSION

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SR 19-53

Ramsey County Assessor's Office - Trends Affecting Payable 2020 Property Taxes

Chris Samuel, Ramsey County Auditor/Assessor, gave a report on factors affecting 2020 property taxes, and answered Council members' questions.

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.

Final Adoption

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Ord 19-38

Granting the application of Alfred and Carol Sundberg Trustee to rezone property at 84 Water Street West from IT Transitional Industrial to T3 Traditional Neighborhood, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Tolbert said he supported the project and hoped Reuter Walton would not follow past practices of hiring subcontractors that didn't comply with regulations.

Councilmember Noecker said she shared those concerns, and commended the West Side Community Organization for the work they'd done with Reuter Walton to create an actionable plan to make sure the project was done in a way that reflected the City's values.

Councilmember Noecker moved final adoption of the ordinance.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

32 Ord 19-46

Amending section 411.05 of the Legislative Code pertaining to entertainment licenses.

Councilmember Noecker made brief comments and moved final adoption of the ordinance.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

33 Ord 19-47

Amending Chapter 409.11, of the Legislative Code regarding temporary service extensions.

Councilmember Noecker moved final adoption of the ordinance.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

34 Ord 19-48

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 by creating an additional commercial development district at La Costa Sports Mexican Bar & Grill located at 194 Cesar Chavez Street.

Councilmember Noecker moved final adoption of the ordinance.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 35 Ord 19-49** Amending Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code to create and define boundaries for an Entertainment District named Creative Enterprise Zone Entertainment District in the Raymond-University area.
- Councilmember Jalali Nelson made brief comments and moved final adoption of the ordinance.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0
- 36 Ord 19-50** Amending Chapter 246 of the Legislative Code to allow the possession or consumption of nonintoxicating malt liquor, strong beer or wine purchased and consumed during a block party, festival or community event, within the Creative Enterprise Zone Entertainment District.
- Councilmember Jalali Nelson moved final adoption of the ordinance.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0
- 37 Ord 19-51** Amending Chapter 65 of the Legislative Code by adding a new section defining a Hotel.
- Councilmember Noecker made brief comments and moved final adoption of the ordinance.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0
- First Reading**
- 38 Ord 19-53** Amending Chapter 25 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the supplemental tax on hotels and motels by increasing the imposed tax rate from three to four percent.
- Laid over to August 14 for second reading**

PUBLIC HEARINGS (3:30 p.m.)

- 39 RES PH 19-234** Authorizing the appropriate City designees to enter into a fundraising contract to solicit donations and establish the budget for the purpose of holding City Council Inaugural events.
- No one was present to testify. 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0
- 40 RES PH 19-248** Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to submit a Contamination Cleanup and Investigation grant application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the International Institute of Minnesota project at 1694 Como Avenue; accepting a Contamination Cleanup and Investigation grant from the Department of Employment and Economic Development; and amending the 2019 Budget.
- No one was present to testify. Councilmember Jalali Nelson 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0
- 41 RES PH 19-250** Approving and authorizing acceptance of a Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development grant and a Livable Communities Transit-Oriented Development grant from the Metropolitan Council, and amending the 2019 Budget.
- No one was present to testify. Councilmember Noecker 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0
- 42 RES PH 19-242** Approving the application of Tawfiq Islamic Center for a sound level variance for amplified sound during the Eid-al-Adha Muslim Festival on Sunday, August 11 or Monday, August 12, 2019 at the Oxford Community Center Football Field.

No one was present to testify. 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri

Nay: 0

- 43 RES PH 19-238** Approving the application of India Association of Minnesota for a sound level variance for amplified sound during India Fest on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the State Capitol.

Steve Heckler, event coordinator, spoke about the event.

Councilmember Noecker 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri

Nay: 0

- 44 RES PH 19-239** Approving the application of Erin Cooper, Irish Fair of Minnesota, for a sound level variance for amplified sound during the Irish Fair of MN on August 8 through August 11, 2019 at Harriet Island.

No one was present to testify. Councilmember Noecker 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri

Nay: 0

- 45 RES PH 19-243** Approving the application of St Paul Food Truck Festival for a sound level variance for amplified sound on Saturday, August 17, 2019 during the St Paul Food Truck Festival at Mears Park.

No one was present to testify. Councilmember Noecker 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri

Nay: 0

- 46 **RES PH 19-245** Approving the application of Team Ortho Foundation for a sound level variance for amplified sound during the Women Rock Race events on Saturday, August 24, 2019 on Shepard Road between Eagle Street and Washington Street, and at Upper Landing Park.
- No one was present to testify. Councilmember Noecker 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0
- 47 **RES PH 19-246** Approving the application of Gray Duck Media, Summer Beer Dabbler, for a sound level variance for amplified sound on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at CHS Field, 360 Broadway Street.
- No one was present to testify. Councilmember Noecker 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0
- 48 **RES PH 19-247** Approving the application of Midwest Multisport Races LLC for a sound level variance for amplified sound during the St. Paul Triathlon on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Phalen Park.
- No one was present to testify. Councilmember Busuri 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 Nelson and Councilmember Busuri
- Nay:** 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 67 **RLH TA 19-488** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 117 JENKS AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
- Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond gave a staff report on the assessment for a clean-up of the property. She said the charges were \$260, which was the minimum 1-hour charge, with additional fees for disposal of the items and administrative fees for a total of \$460. She said in the course of the hearing the appellant indicated he had taken care of the items; she displayed photographs taken by the inspector at the initial inspection and the re-inspection. She said the appellant stated he moved the items*

hoping a scrapper would pick them up, and when the City took the materials he thought a scrapper had taken them. He felt that represented a good-faith effort. Ms. Moermond said in her assessment that did not constitute a good-faith effort. She showed the clean-up video.

The property owner (Woodbury), said he owned five properties in St. Paul and worked in St. Paul and it was easy for him to maintain his properties. He read a statement. He said he worked in addition to being a property owner, and all profits from the properties all went into improving the properties. He said he moved the items thinking they would be good for scrappers, then moved them onto his property next to the garbage can until he decided what to do with them. He said he felt it was unfair because he had moved the items onto his property and because the fees were too high for the amount of work done. He said he felt the hearing process was a joke.

Council President Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Council President Brendmoen said the work was done by the City staff and the charge included the administrative process and disposal fees. She said if the Council said the property owner didn't have to pay for it, it meant the other taxpayers had to pay. She moved to approve the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation. She said she appreciated that the property owner came to the hearing and shared his perspective.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA (3:30 p.m.)

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

No one was present to testify. Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve the Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda as amended.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

49 RLH TA 19-451 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1193-1195 ARONA STREET. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)

Adopted

- 50 **RLH TA 19-474** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 535 ASBURY STREET. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 51 **RLH TA 19-473** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 263 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 52 **RLH TA 19-441** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1043 BEECH STREET. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 53 **RLH TA 19-452** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1739 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 54 **RLH TA 19-469** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1944 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 55 **RLH TA 19-457** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 554 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 56 **RLH TA 19-470** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 956 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 57 **RLH TA 19-466** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1342 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 58 **RLH TA 19-438** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 832 COOK AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 59 **RLH TA 19-559** Amending Council File No. RLH AR 19-60 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2018 at 541 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. CG1901D3, Assessment No. 190065)
Adopted

- 60 **RLH TA 19-16** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1141 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J1904E, Assessment No. 198303; amended to File No. J1904E1, Assessment No. 198312) (Public hearing continued from February 20)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 61 **RLH TA 19-587** Amending Council File No. RLH AR 19-62 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2018 at 680 DODD ROAD. (File No. CG1901E1, Assessment No. 190067)
Adopted
- 62 **RLH SAO 19-38** Appeal of Rick VanWert, on behalf of Craig Johnson, to a Summary Abatement Order at 270 EARL STREET.
Adopted
- 63 **RLH TA 19-472** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1398 ELEANOR AVENUE. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 64 **RLH TA 19-496** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 889 EUCLID STREET. (File No. CG1901D1-1, Assessment No. 190078)
Adopted
- 65 **RLH TA 19-436** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1031 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 66 **RLH TA 19-439** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 635 IVY AVENUE EAST/1321 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 68 **RLH TA 19-440** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 339 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB1909, Assessment No. 198816; amend to File No. VB1909A, Assessment No. 198826)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 69 **RLH TA 19-490** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 308 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB1908A, Assessment No. 198824) (Public hearing continued from July 17)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified and payments spread over 5 years)

- 70 **RLH TA 19-11** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 865
LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1904E, Assessment No. 198303;
amended to File No. J1904E1, Assessment No. 198312)
Public hearing continued to August 21
- 71 **RLH VBR** Appeal of Laura Jelinek, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services,
19-46 on behalf of Tomeka Miller, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at
1235 MARGARET STREET.
Referred to Legislative Hearings on August 20
- 72 **RLH TA 19-486** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 752
MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No.
198549)
Adopted
- 73 **RLH TA 19-435** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 792
MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1920A1, Assessment No.
198571)
Public hearing continued to October 9
- 74 **RLH TA 19-447** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 658
MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No.
198549)
Adopted
- 75 **RLH TA 19-453** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 575
NEBRASKA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No.
198549)
Adopted
- 76 **RLH FCO 19-72** Appeal of Elizabeth Kortz to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Approval
with Corrections at 845 ORANGE AVENUE WEST.
Adopted
- 77 **RLH TA 19-483** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1146
PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 78 **RLH TA 19-442** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1393
PROSPERITY AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted

- 79 **RLH TA 19-446** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 833 RANDOLPH AVENUE. (File No. J1921A1, Assessment No. 198572)
Public hearing continued to October 9
- 80 **RLH TA 19-479** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1379 RICE STREET. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 81 **RLH TA 19-476** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1125 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 82 **RLH TA 19-475** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1445 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 83 **RLH TA 19-477** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1734 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 84 **RLH TA 19-487** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1641 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 85 **RLH TA 19-467** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1264 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 86 **RLH TA 19-445** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1268 SNELLING AVENUE. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 87 **RLH TA 19-471** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1274 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 88 **RLH TA 19-456** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1276 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted

- 89 **RLH TA 19-449** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2056 SUMMIT AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 90 **RLH TA 19-588** Amending Council File No. RLH AR 19-60 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2018 at 729 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. CG1901D3, Assessment No. 190065)
Adopted
- 91 **RLH TA 19-464** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 572 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted
- 92 **RLH TA 19-482** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 253 WARWICK STREET. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 93 **RLH TA 19-448** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 887 WATSON AVENUE. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 94 **RLH TA 19-537** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1001 WILSON AVENUE. (File No. CG1901D1- 2, Assessment No. 190079)
Adopted
- 95 **RLH VBR
19-41** Appeal of John Kern to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 245 WINIFRED STREET WEST.
Adopted
- 96 **RLH TA 19-444** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1358 YORK AVENUE. (File No. J1920A1, Assessment No. 198571)
Public hearing continued to October 9
- 97 **RLH AR 19-55** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Property Clean Up services during March 1 to 14, 2019. (File No. J1920A, Assessment No. 198549)
Adopted
- 98 **RLH AR 19-56** Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Property Clean Up services during March 14 to 28, 2019. (File No. J1921A, Assessment No. 198550)
Adopted

Council members shared news from their Wards.

The meeting was recessed at 4:51 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (5:30 p.m.)

The Council reconvened for Public Hearings at 5:31 p.m.

Present 4 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember Kassim Busuri

Absent 3 - Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Jane L. Prince and Councilmember Mitra Jalali Nelson

Council members Thao, Jalali Nelson, and Prince arrived after roll call.

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

99 Ord 19-52

Amending Chapter 11 of the Administrative Code to create the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and Education within the Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity.

Dave Gorski, Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity (HREEO), gave a brief staff report.

Council President welcomed those present and explained the process for public testimony. She said based on the number of interested testifiers present, there would be 25 minutes for testimony.

Erin Hayes (964 Goodrich) said she supported the spirit but had a concern that the language regarding the number of staff was vague. She also wanted to ensure that resources weren't pulled from human rights investigators.

Shannon Watson (1180 Van Buren), St. Paul Chamber, Business Review Council, said the Chamber appreciated the acknowledgement that the City was responsible for outreach and education, which were essential. She said the Chamber looked forward to continuing to partner with the City.

Sarah Kopp-Reddy (1179 Selby) said she supported ordinance but would like to see more staffing and more budget.

Matt Gray (111 Kellogg) said the minimum wage study committee didn't come to a consensus on many things, but agreed that outreach, education and enforcement needs should be prioritized. He said the City must staff and fund the division charged with those responsibilities.

Reggie Washington (352 Wacouta Street) said he had been working for about six years and the only time he got more money was because of minimum wage laws. He said workers needed the Council to help get what they wanted, needed and deserved.

Carlos H. (speaking via an interpreter) said he worked for a temp agency for ten years and have never received a paid sick day. He said if no one did anything, the bosses would continue to violate the law without consequences.

Aboubacar Keita (2210 South Ave E.) work for McDonald's for almost three years. He shared experience of not being paid for sick days, even though money was being deducted from his paycheck for Aflac insurance offered by his employer for that purpose.

Marcia Malcolm (520 Warwick) said she was a victim of wage theft, and that caused her to be nearly homeless. She said wanted the City of St. Paul to pass the ordinance for the labor standard enforcement, so workers would have stronger people to stand up for them.

Vanesa Ochoa (1453 Arkwright) (speaking via an interpreter), McDonald's employee, said she had noticed that paid time off hours disappeared without her using them. She said they needed enforcement of the laws and more investigators; McDonald's never informed them about Earned Sick and Safe time.

Gaye Sorenson (247 Kennard Street), ISALAH, said Earned Sick and Safe time was an important benefit, and the City needed to move forward enforcing the law more strongly.

Carlos Garcia Valesco (652 Earl Street) said he was in support. He said the Council members' votes and investments was a living record and should reflect their morals and values, and support their constituents.

Gerania Mata (2926 Russell Ave N.) (speaking via an interpreter), organizer of workers in St. Paul, said she was in favor of the law for the enforcement of the laws. She said over 80% of workers she's talked to didn't know about Earned Sick and Safe time or weren't able to use it. She said if this didn't pass and there weren't resources to make it happen, there would be nothing to prevent bosses from continuing to violate the law. She said strong enforcement was needed to make sure employers complied with the minimum wage law.

Council President noted that all who spoke were in support.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays

Mr. Gorski answered questions from Council members Prince, Thao, and Jalali Nelson about enforcement.

Councilmember Noecker said she was proposing an amendment asking for four full time employees.

Councilmember Thao spoke in support of the amendment.

Council President Brendmoen said she wasn't comfortable voting on the amendment without more information.

Councilmember Prince said she appreciated the spirit of the amendment but had questions about enforcement.

Councilmember Tolbert echoed Councilmember Prince's comments and said the Council should press for the staffing during the budget process.

Following additional discussion among the Council members, Council President Brendmoen called for a vote on the amendment. Yeas - 2 Nays -5 (Tolbert, Jalali Nelson, Brendmoen, Busuri, Prince)

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to August 14 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Brendmoen adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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