



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, December 8, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order 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 21-90](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-43.
- Received and Filed**
- 2 [AO 21-70](#) Additional funding through the Year-Round STAR Program is being added to one Neighborhood STAR project as adopted via City Council Resolution RES 21-1643.

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 21-1662](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 29 to August 16, 2021, and setting date

of Legislative Hearing for January 4, 2022 and City Council public hearing for February 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2205, Assessment No. 228804)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 21-1663](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 4, 2022 and City Council public hearing for February 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2205B, Assessment No. 228104)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 21-1664](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during August 17 to September 13, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 4, 2022 and City Council public hearing for February 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2205, Assessment No. 228204)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 21-1665](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during July 23 to August 20, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 4, 2022 and City Council public hearing for February 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2205E, Assessment No. 228304)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-1666](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during September 13 to October 12, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 4, 2022 and City Council public hearing for February 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2204P, Assessment No. 228403)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-1689](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during July to September 2021, and setting date of legislative hearing for January 6, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2104A1, Assessment No. 210115)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-1691](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during July to September 2021, and setting date of legislative hearing for January 6, 2022 and City Council public hearing for March 23, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2104A2, Assessment No. 210116)

Adopted

10 [RES 21-1703](#) Authorizing the City to enter into Agreement PUBW2021-12R with Ramsey County for Right of Way Acquisition related to construction of the Lexington Parkway realignment from Adrian Street to Shepard Road.

Adopted

11 [RES 21-1712](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of 2 GoPro Hero 8 cameras valued at \$599.98 from the Best Buy Social Impact Team.

Adopted

12 [RES 21-1716](#) Approving a Wine On Sale and Malt On Sale (Strong) license to Coconut Thai On Grand (License ID #20210000772) for the premises located at 720 Grand Avenue.

Adopted

13 [RES 21-1723](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for Black Garnet Books.

Adopted

14 [RES 21-1751](#) Allowing the Human Resources Director to extend the Firefighter eligible list set forth in Civil Service Rule 7 for one additional year.

Adopted

15 [RES 21-1754](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$2,030,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide firefighter health and wellness exams and paramedic training and to purchase firefighter personal protective equipment and replace and update equipment.

Adopted

SUSPENSION ITEM

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

[SR 21-218](#)

Update on rent stabilization from the administration.

Daniel Yang, Senior Policy Advisor in the Mayor's Office, gave a staff report.

Lyndsey Olson, City Attorney, stated they were happy to help respond to questions.

Councilmember Jalali asked for details about the timeline.

Yang addressed Jalali's questions.

Councilmember Thao asked about the implementation team and the new construction exemption.

Yang and Olson addressed Thao's questions.

Councilmember Prince asked about the ordinance effective date, appeals process, and a new construction exemption.

Yang and Olson addressed Prince's questions.

Councilmember Noecker thanked staff for helping with clarity and asked about the stakeholder group.

Yang addressed Noecker's question.

Councilmember Tolbert provided details on the timeline, as stated by the City Attorney's Office.

Olson affirmed the details provided by Tolbert.

Tolbert asked about the stakeholder group.

Yang addressed Tolbert's question.

Councilmember Yang discussed concerns about a new construction exemption.

Daniel Yang and Olson addressed Councilmember Yang's concern.

Received and Filed

FOR DISCUSSION

- 16** [RES 21-1646](#) Establishing the City Council Legislative Advisory Committee on Garbage. (Laid over from December 1.)
- Council President Brendmoen stated that there was a version two with some technical changes.*
- Councilmember Prince expressed concern for the resolution not explicitly mentioning the new garbage contract negotiations.*
- Brendmoen shared that concern and noted that this was just to provide citizen input and the advisory group would not be at the negotiating table.*
- Councilmember Noecker echoed Brendmoen's comments.*
- Prince thanked Susan Young from Public Works for convening this committee and moved approval.*
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

BUDGET ITEMS

- 17 [RES PH 21-309](#) Authorizing Public Works to request \$893,166 in SCORE grant and Incentive funds from Ramsey County to support the curbside recycling program and setting the 2022 City Recycling Service Fees. (Laid over from November 3.)

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES PH 21-313](#) Setting the Solid Waste Service Fee for 2022. (Laid over from November 3.)

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 21-297](#) Setting the 2022 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer rates. (Laid over from November 3.)

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES PH 21-282](#) Establishing the Water Charges for 2022. (Laid over from November 3.)

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21 [RES 21-1704](#) Approving the Saint Paul Regional Water Services 2022 Budget.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22 [RES 21-1705](#) Approving the Saint Paul RiverCentre Convention and Visitors Authority 2022 Budget.

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

The City Council will recess and convene as the Library Board to consider RES 21-1706: Library Board Resolution Adopting 2022 Budget and Requesting Property Tax Financing.

Council recessed at 4:38 p.m.

The Library Board will adjourn and the City Council will reconvene.

Council reconvened at 4:41 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

- 23 [RES 21-1707](#) Approving and adopting the Saint Paul Public Library Agency Budget.

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24 [RES 21-1720](#) Approving the final 2022 Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) budget and certifying the final HRA property tax levy payable in 2022.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in support and moved approval.

Councilmember Thao spoke in support.

Councilmember Prince spoke in support.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

25 [RES 21-1700](#) Approving the 2022 City Tax Levy.

Holly Huston, City Council Chief Budget Officer, gave a presentation on Items 25 and 26.

Councilmember Prince spoke to details about the budget.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.

Councilmember Thao spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke to details about the budget.

Councilmember Jalali spoke to details about the budget.

Councilmember Prince spoke to details about the levy.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in support and moved approval.

Council President Brendmoen spoke in support.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

26 [RES 21-1701](#) Adopting the 2022 Budget.

Councilmember Noecker 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.

First Reading

- 27 [Ord 21-56](#) Amending Chapter 33.04, 33.06, and 33.07 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Establishment of Permit Fees, Certificate of Compliance, and Fence Requirements.
- Ricardo Cervantes, Director of the Department of Safety and Inspections, gave a staff report.*
- Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing**
- 28 [Ord 21-57](#) Amending Chapter 34.24 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Excessive Consumption of City Services.
- Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing**
- 29 [Ord 21-58](#) Amending Chapter 40.10 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Fire Certificate of Occupancy as it relates to Fees.
- Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing**
- 30 [Ord 21-59](#) Amending Chapter 43.03 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Vacant Buildings as it relates to the Vacant Building Registration Fee.
- Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing**
- 31 [Ord 21-60](#) Amending Chapter 55.04 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Fire Code - Permit Fees for Tents.
- Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing**
- 32 [Ord 21-61](#) Amending Chapter 55.09 and 55.10 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Fire Code - Permit Fees for Liquid Petroleum and Hazardous Materials, Storage Tanks, and Dispensing Devices.
- Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing**
- 33 [Ord 21-63](#) Amending Chapter 77.07 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Service Availability Charges.
- Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing**
- 34 [Ord 21-64](#) Amending Chapter 200.07 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Animals - Impounding and Boarding Fees.

Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing

- 35 [Ord 21-65](#) Amending Chapter 310.18 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Uniform License Procedures as it relates to License Fee Schedule.

Laid over to December 15 for Second reading Public hearing**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 36 [RES PH 21-324](#) Approving a Five-Year Street Reconstruction Plan for the Fiscal Years 2022 through 2026 and granting preliminary approval to the issuance of certain General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds by the City.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 37 [RES PH 21-329](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$106,520 to accept the additional funding for the 2020 Emergency Management Performance COVID-19 Supplemental Grant (EMPG-S) for PPE supplies, decontamination services, air cleaners, storage pods, and salaries and fringes for Emergency Management staff.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 38 [RES PH 21-330](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$30,000 for the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to provide assistance for Emergency Management salaries and conference expenses.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 39** [RES PH 21-331](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$71,042 for the 2020 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 40** [RES PH 21-332](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Planning and Economic Development Department and the Fire Department in the amount of \$112,728 for the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant match to purchase radios.

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 41** [RES PH 21-333](#) Authorizing an increase in the 2021 Department of Human Resources General Fund budget in the amount of \$2,500 to reflect a new revenue from a reimbursement from the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 for a cost analysis study.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 42** [Ord 21-52](#) Granting the application of Selby Flats LLC to rezone property at 1708 Selby Avenue from B2 community business to RM2 medium- density multiple-family residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map .

Public hearing closed. Item laid over to December 15 for final adoption.

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

Nay: 0

43 [Ord 21-53](#)

Considering the application of Gary and Catherine Ballman to rezone property at 1329-1331 Lincoln Avenue from RT1 two-family residential to RM1 low-density multiple-family residential. (The motion to deny the application was approved by the City Council.)

Public hearing closed. Item laid over to December 15 for final adoption.

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS:

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

The Legislative Hearing Officer recommends adoption of the following resolutions, as no objections to these recommendations were received:

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

Nay: 0

44 [RLH RR 21-66](#)

Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 288 AVON STREET NORTH within fifteen (15) days after the December 8, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted

47 [RLH RR 21-73](#)

Making finding on the substantial abatement ordered for 975 MARSHALL AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-55.

Adopted

48 [RLH SAO 21-72](#)

Appeal of Prescila Moreno to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 820 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH.

Adopted

For the following item, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendation was received, and therefore, she recommends amendment and adoption:

46 [RLH FCO 21-162](#) Appeal of Robert Olsen to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 1008 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted as amended (grant extension)

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

Nay: 0

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the Public Hearing to the dates listed:

45 [RLH RR 21-64](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1629 HARTFORD AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-50.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to continue the public hearing for one week.

Continue Public hearing to December 15, 2021.

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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