



City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd
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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Mitra Jalali
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

- Present** 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Saura Jost
- Absent** 2 - Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 24-42](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 925 Magnolia Avenue East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
- Received and Filed**

ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Saura Jost
- Absent** 1 - Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. If discussion on an item is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda adopted

- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 2 [RES 24-1196](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Commercial Railway for the Cleveland Railroad Crossing Improvement Project.
Adopted
- 3 [RES 24-1202](#) Approving a nominal stipend increase in payment for community advisors who serve on the Audit Committee.
Adopted
- 4 [RES 24-1203](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application with conditions submitted by The High Hat Café LLC, d/b/a The High Hat (License ID#20240001112), for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk), and Entertainment (A) licenses, located a 485 Selby Avenue.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 24-1233](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the \$500 matrix penalty and 10-day license suspension of the Tobacco Shop License and adverse action against Sanaa LLC d/b/a Twins Market & Meat, (License ID #20240000006) for the premises located at 1055 4th Street East.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 24-1234](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the 10-day license suspension of the Tobacco Shop License and adverse action against MNA Grocery LLC d/b/a MNA Grocery, (License ID #20230002089) for the premises located at 361 Earl Street.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 24-1258](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70, for the purpose of providing premium pay to Saint Paul Regional Water Services employees holding specific licenses in the classifications of Senior Water Operator, Maintenance Worker III and Chemical Feed System Specialist II.
Laid over to September 4, 2024
- 8 [RES 24-1259](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2027) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 110.
Laid over to September 4, 2024
- 9 [RES 24-1262](#) Authorizing the City Attorney to execute a Special Counsel Retainer Agreement to retain Michael Bradley and the law firm of Bradley Werner, LLC to represent the City in matters of gas- and electric-energy franchising and other specialized areas as necessary.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-1279](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Emergency Management Supervisor in EG 09, SPSO.

Laid over to September 4, 2024

- 11 [RES 24-1290](#) Authorizing a Non-Lender Subordination Agreement in connection with the Environmental Covenant for the United Village MLS Site.

Adopted

- 12 [Min 24-31](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of July 10, 17, and 24, 2024.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 13 [RES 24-1229](#) Supplementing the General Resolution (CF 88-835) relating to Sewer Revenue Bonds and providing for the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2024D (Green Bonds) and taking other required actions.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

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 Pioneer Press. Public hearings on ordinances are generally held at the second reading.

First Reading

- 14 [Ord 24-21](#) Amending Legislative Code Chapters 60, 63, 65, and 66 pertaining to adult use cannabis.

Laid over to September 4, 2024 for Second Reading

- 15 [Ord 24-22](#) Amending Section 409.01 of the Legislative Code to allow the Union Depot and Science Museum of Minnesota to have unlimited catered events within their spaces for class T-Temporary on-sale liquor license-Caterer and class N-On-sale caterer's license.

Laid over to September 4, 2024 for Second Reading

SUSPENSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Live testimony is limited to two minutes for each person. See below for optional ways to testify.

- 16** [RES PH 24-55](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$1,211,812 by increasing the 2024 budget using fund balance, to reflect previously awarded funding from the Como Shuttle Legacy Grant, the Great River Passage Legacy Grant and Parkland Dedication funds.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 17** [RES PH 24-181](#) Approving the request of Energy Park Utility Company to amend rates.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 18** [RES PH 24-208](#) Approving the petition of Wedum Lexington LLC and Wedum Albion LLC, to vacate air space rights over Lexington Parkway South, north of West 7th Street.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 19** [RES PH 24-213](#) Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto) and amending the operating budget for the City's sponsorship of a Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development ("DEED") Contamination Cleanup grant for Project for Pride in Living, Inc. ("PPL") at 892 7th Street East (District 4, Ward 6).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 20** [RES PH 24-211](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, Cretin-Derham Hall Football game series for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on August 30, September 27, and October 10, 2024 at 2115 Summit Avenue - O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 21** [RES PH 24-215](#) Approving the application of Wabasha Brewing Co for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Thursday August 29, 2024 at 429 Wabasha Street South.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 22** [RES PH 24-216](#) Approving the application of Church of the Holy Spirit, Justin Carrick, Business Administrator for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on September 7, 2024 at 515 Albert Street South - Church of the Holy Spirit school playground.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 23** [RES PH 24-217](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on August 29, 2024 at 2115 Summit Avenue - O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 24** [RES PH 24-218](#) Approving the application of Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church for a sound

level variance in order to present amplified sound on September 13 - 15, 2024 at 1900 Wellesley Avenue - Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 26** [RLH VBR 24-40](#) Appeal of LaVonne Pine to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1478 BLAIR AVENUE.
- Public hearing closed and laid over to September 11, 2024**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
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- 38** [RLH RR 23-31](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 455 ROBERT STREET SOUTH within fifteen (15) days after the August 2, 2023, City Council Public Hearing.
- Public hearing continued to September 4, 2024**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
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- 43** [RLH TA 24-264](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 298 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2422R, Assessment No. 248527) (Public hearing continued to September 25, 2024)
- Public hearing continued to September 25, 2024**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Johnson
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- 34** [RLH TA 24-256](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 185 MARIA AVENUE. (File No. J2423R, Assessment No. 248529)
- Adopted as amended (payment to be made over 2 years)**

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Johnson

- 25** [RLH RR 24-32](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 188 ACKER STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-62. (Public hearing continued to September 25, 2024)

Public hearing continued to September 25, 2024
- 27** [RLH VBR 24-44](#) Appeal of Sheree Brundage to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 931 CHARLES AVENUE.

Adopted
- 28** [RLH TA 24-265](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 195 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2423R, Assessment No. 248529)

Adopted
- 29** [RLH VBR 24-46](#) Appeal of Megan Giesen to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Summary Abatement Order at 1676 EUCLID STREET.

Adopted
- 30** [RLH VBR 24-43](#) Appeal of Yia Jef Yang to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 1688 EUCLID STREET.

Adopted
- 31** [RLH SAO 24-50](#) Appeal of Virginia Dunivan to a Summary Abatement Order at 1746 LINCOLN AVENUE.

Adopted
- 32** [RLH TA 24-276](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 93 MAGNOLIA

AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2423R, Assessment No. 248529)

Adopted

- 33** [RLH TA 24-261](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 330 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST (334 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST). (File No. J2422R, Assessment No. 248527)
- Adopted**
- 35** [RLH VO 24-26](#) Appeal of Mark Thieroff, attorney for owner, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 251 MARIA AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 36** [RLH VBR 24-41](#) Appeal of John S. Jagiela to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 134 MONTROSE PLACE.
- Adopted**
- 37** [RLH VBR 24-45](#) Appeal of Karin Jordahl to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 2184 PRINCETON AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 39** [RLH TA 24-289](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1823 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2422R, Assessment No. 248527)
- Adopted**
- 40** [RLH SAO 24-54](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 670 SIMS AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-46.
- Adopted**
- 41** [RLH TA 24-271](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 771 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J2423R, Assessment No. 248529)
- Adopted**
- 42** [RLH TA 24-270](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1255 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2423R, Assessment No. 248529)
- Adopted**
- 44** [RLH TA 24-321](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 24-61 to delete the assessment Graffiti Removal services during January 8 to February 5, 2024 at 2496 (2516) WABASH AVENUE. (File No. J2408P, Assessment No. 248407)
- Adopted**
- 45** [RLH AR 24-55](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish & Garbage Clean Up services February 28 to March 14, 2024. (File No. J2422R, Assessment No. 248527)
- Adopted**

- 46 [RLH AR 24-56](#) Ratifying the assessment for Rubbish & Garbage Clean Up services March 15 to 26, 2024. (File No. J2423R, Assessment No. 248529)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:57 PM

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