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Minutes - Final

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, June 16, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 21-48](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 134 Case Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [CO 21-49](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-26.
Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Brendmoen said Item 8 has been withdrawn. Items 10 and 11 are for separate consideration.

*Councilmember Yang moved balance of Consent
7 in favor, none opposed
Consent Agenda is adopted as amended*

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 21-766](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during April 1 to 12, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 20, 2021 and City Council Public Hearing for September 1, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2121A, Assessment No. 218538)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 21-767](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during April 13 to 28, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 20, 2021 and City Council Public Hearing for September 1, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2122A, Assessment No. 218539)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 21-809](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2024) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10. (laid over from June 9)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 21-829](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during January to March 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 15, 2021 and City Council public hearing for August 25, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-830](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during January to March 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for July 15, 2021 and City Council public hearing for August 25, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-851](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and if awarded accept funds from the Medica Foundation for Awakenings, the City's Youth Violence Intervention Program in an amount of up to \$22,000 for program year 2022. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 9 [RES 21-871](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for a new roof at Mounds Theatre.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 10 [RES 21-879](#) Authorizing the award of a professional services agreement to Cultivate Strategy to perform a study of and make recommendations regarding the city's process to receive and respond to non-emergency resident complaints and feedback.

Councilmember Noecker said it is an important moment in audit committee work. They are now at the point to contact Cultivate Strategy to start studying how the City responds to constituents' and customers' questions, concerns, and complaints.

Council President Brendmoen said she supports the motion and resolution. She appreciates the work of the audit committee.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 11 [RES 21-886](#) Establishing the Saint Paul City Council Legislative Advisory Committee on Reparations.

Councilmember Prince said it is with great appreciation to the Council for passing the recovery act and community reparations resolutions on January 13. Today they have met their first goal of appointing the advisory committee in honor of Juneteeth this Saturday. The committee will be convened by Mr. Crews, Veronica Burt, Dr. Williams (head of St. Thomas Racial Justice Institute), and there is an impressive group of committee members. She wanted to turn it over to Mr. Crews who has been a national, state, local activist for getting reparations to be considered. He has written the Saint Paul Recovery Act. He approached the Council, and he was prepared to take this on. They are moving ahead as the largest City for working on this issue of descendants of chattel slavery.

Mr. Crews said he would like to thank the City Council. (He talked about the harm and injustices that have been done in the community.)

Councilmember Prince said the 50 people who applied but are not on the commission, they will get back to those people. She moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at three separate council meetings and becomes effective after passage by the Council and 30 days after publication in the Saint Paul Legal Ledger. Public hearings on ordinances are held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

- 13 [Ord 21-20](#) Creating Chapter 233A of the Legislative Code to establish certain rights for hospitality workers who have suffered loss of employment due to the Covid-19 pandemic to return to work with their previous employer.

*Councilmember Noecker said this is an important step to ensure basic fairness of workers who were laid off. It's possible to respect and honor the employers that do the right thing and to pass an ordinance to ensure this happens. She moved approval. 7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 14 [RES PH 21-133](#) Approving installation of bike lanes on St. Paul Avenue between W 7th Street and Edgcumbe Road.

Council President Brendmoen said the installation of bike lane is something worth noting.

Jimmy Shoemaker, Public Works, said the pavement will be mill overlaid, pedestrian improvements, pedestrian ramps will be updated. There are 2 travel lanes in each direction. One travel lane will be removed in each direction and buffered bike lanes will be added in their place. This project is in the Saint Paul Bike Plan. Eight parking spaces will be removed for curb extensions, but there will be no loss of parking as result of the bike lane. Letters were sent to property owners. Residents were provided contact information. There was a feedback form. It was posted on the web page and included in the packet. There were opportunities to sign up for e-mails. This was presented to Highland District Council. They reached out to the JCC. The only loss of parking is as a result of 2 mid-block curb extensions.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 15** [RES PH 21-134](#) Approving installation of bicycle lanes on Water Street and Fillmore Avenue from Plato Boulevard to Livingston Street.

Items 15 and 16

Jimmy Shoemaker, Public Works, stated this will be for RES PH 21-135 and RES PH 21-134. One is a restriping project on Water Street to include bike lanes. The second is a resurfacing between Robert Street and Lafayette Bridge. Parking will be eliminated on the south side to make room for bike lanes. This is in the proposed Saint Paul Bike Lane. They sent letters to notify property owners. They included a feedback form. They responded to each of those. About 50 people signed up for updates. They reached out directly to the Parks Department. Harriet Island Regional Park is a big stakeholder. They spoke to 2 new developments along Water and Fillmore. One is still under construction. They spoke with All Incorporated, an appliance retailer. They did 13 parking counts in Parks. They showed low demand. They were taken during some construction and during the pandemic. They proposed to remove parking on the south side. Water removed 56% of available parking. The existing parking regulations are a bit cobbled together and do not permit overnight parking. They knew that was important. They propose to change regulations on the north side. Further east on Fillmore, the existing parking is for bus staging, 'no parking buses exempt' for buses that drop off Downtown. They are removing some of that parking on the south side, but they are replacing it for the most part on the north side where they are keeping parking. A net loss of 3 bus parking spaces will be the result.

Council President Brendmoen said this area is becoming a bike hub.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 16** [RES PH 21-135](#) Approving installation of bicycle lanes on Fillmore Avenue from Robert Street to East Lafayette Frontage Road.

Council President Brendmoen said we got a staff report in combination with the previous item (Item 15).

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 17 [RES PH 21-136](#) Approving the application of Big River Pizza for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music for Songs to Phil the Air Series June 26, July 10, July 24, August 14, August 28, September 4, September 18 and October 2, 2021 at the St. Paul Farmers Market.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve. She thanked Big River Pizza. They are always coming up with ways to bring activity Downtown.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES PH 21-137](#) Approving the application of Co-Motion: Center for Movement for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on June 26, 2021 at 655 Fairview Avenue North.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually. There are comments in Legistar.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 21-138](#) Approving the application of the University of St. Thomas for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 30, 2021 at O'Shaughnessy Stadium - 2115 Summit Avenue.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

*Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20** [RES PH 21-139](#) Approving the petition of Karl Ebert to vacate portions of Gordon Avenue and Blake Avenue abutting Gordon Square and Block 39 within the St. Anthony Park plat.

*Council President Brendmoen said this is a public hearing that was held virtually. Is she looking for a staff report? Councilmember Jalali responded no, we can close the public hearing, and approve.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21** [RES PH 21-140](#) Approving the application of the Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 23, 2021 within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing was held virtually.

*Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approval.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22** [RES PH 21-143](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept and amend the 2021 special fund budget and add an activity for the Auto Theft Prevention Grant SWIFT No. 194499 by the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve.

*7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 23** [RES PH 21-144](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept and amend the 2021 special fund budget and add an activity for the Auto Theft Prevention Grant SWIFT No. 194496 by the State of Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was virtual.

*Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted*

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [Ord 21-19](#) Granting the application of Pillai Builders LLC to rezone property at 385 Topping Street from B1 local business to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Council President Brendmoen said this is before us for final approval.

*Councilmember Thao moved approval.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and ordinance is laid over to June 23 for final adoption*

Laid over to June 23

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

Nay: 0

- 25** [Ord 21-22](#) Placing the classification titled Lead Victim Witness Coordinator in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the Charter.

Council President Brendmoen said this is before us for final approval.

*Councilmember Noecker moved approval.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and ordinance is laid over to June 23 for final adoption*

Laid over to June 23

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

Nay: 0

26 [Ord 21-23](#)

Granting the Port Authority authority to issue general obligation bonds to which the full faith, credit, and resources of the City are pledged pursuant to the provisions hereof and by authority of said Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 469 and 475, as amended.

Council President Brendmoen said this is specifically speaking to the emerald ash borer issue. There was a spirited conversation during the public hearing.

Councilmember Thao moved final approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and ordinance is laid over to June 23 for final adoption

Laid over to June 23

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

Nay: 0

27 [Ord 21-21](#)

Repealing Chapter 193 of the Legislative Code related to Tenant Protections.

Council President Brendmoen said there was continued discussion and there is a request for a one-week layover by Ms. Prince.

Councilmember Yang said she wanted to lay this over to July 14. There is a 5th Wednesday. She would like to keep it open until that date for more time. Brendmoen responded her preference is a one-week layover.

Councilmember Noecker said she supports the layover. Based on her conversation with the attorneys today, she has more clarity on her questions. She will not be here on the 14th, so she would prefer to have it next week, but she will defer to her colleagues.

Councilmember Jalali said with the 5th Wednesday and the holiday, the choices are awkward. She understands the timing conflict that Noecker raised.

Councilmember Prince said she supports a one-week layover. She still has questions that need to be answered and to discuss this further with the administration. A week is adequate. We have a meeting on July 7. Maybe that is a compromise. She is fine with a one-week layover. If we need to lay it over again, we can do that.

Brendmoen said the motion is the 14th. There is a friendly amendment being offered your way, Ms. Yang.

Yang said she wouldn't consider it a friendly amendment. She thanked Noecker for sharing she will not be here on the 14th. She will change her motion to July 7.

Councilmember Tolbert said she understands people want to lay it over. A one-week layover is a good thing. Having the pressure of having a meeting next week will be helpful for getting answers. It makes more sense to do a one-week layover and lay it over from there.

Brendmoen said there is support of a one-week layover. Yang responded she will take the vote for July 7th.

*3 in favor, 4 opposed (Noecker, Prince, Tolbert, Brendmoen)
Motion fails*

*Prince moved to lay it over for one week.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing laid over to June 23*

Continue to Public hearing and lay over to June 23

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS:

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

- 28** [RLH TA 21-219](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2085 BUFORD AVENUE. (File No. VB2108, Assessment No. 218811)
Adopted
- 29** [RLH TA 21-221](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1805 COTTAGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2108E, Assessment No. 218307)
Adopted
- 31** [RLH VBR 21-32](#) Appeal of Christina Ramirez to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Summary Abatement Order at 854 EUCLID STREET.
Adopted
- 32** [RLH TA 21-279](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 21-24, adopted April 14, 2021, to ratify the assessment at 298 JENKS AVENUE. (File No. VB2106, Assessment No.

218805)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 21-232](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 310 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2108E, Assessment No. 218307)
Adopted
- 35 [RLH SAO 21-47](#) Appeal of Joseph M. Whebbe to a Notice to Cut Tall Grass and/or Weeds at 521 MICHIGAN STREET.
Adopted
- 36 [RLH TA 21-249](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 817 OTTAWA AVENUE. (File No. CRT2108, Assessment No. 218208)
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 21-215](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1234 RICE STREET. (File No. VB2108, Assessment No. 218811)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH TA 21-228](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1190 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2108B, Assessment No. 218108)
Adopted
- 39 [RLH AR 21-45](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 5 to December 22, 2020. (File No. VB2108, Assessment No. 218811)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH AR 21-46](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2021. (File No. J2108B, Assessment No. 218108)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH AR 21-47](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during December 21 to January 12, 2021. (File No. CRT2108, Assessment No. 218208)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH AR 21-48](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during November 23 to December 22, 2020. (File No. J2108E, Assessment No. 218307)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH AR 21-49](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during December 3 to January 6, 2021. (File No. J2106P, Assessment No. 218408)

Adopted

- 44 [RLH AR 21-50](#) Ratifying the assessments for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle services during November 2019 at 306 SIDNEY STREET EAST. (File No. J2003V1, Assessment No. 208006)

Adopted

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

- 30 [RLH SAO 21-50](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 854 EUCLID STREET in Council File RLH VBR 21-32. (Legislative Hearing on June 15, 2021)

Adopted as amended (nuisance not abated)

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

Nay: 0

- 33 [RLH RR 21-25](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1023 JESSIE STREET in Council File RLH RR 20-33. (Public Hearing continued to June 16, 2021 with the Legislative Hearing on June 15, 2021)

Adopted as amended (180-day extension granted)

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

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