



# City of Saint Paul

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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*

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Wednesday, January 20, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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Please see the meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

#### ROLL CALL

The 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 21-9](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 21-1, 21-2, 21-3 and 21-4.  
  
**Sponsors:** Brendmoen  
  
**Received and Filed**
- 2 [AO 21-2](#) Amending CDBG projects budget and setting up a budget for 932 Payne Ave.  
  
**Received and Filed**
- 3 [AO 21-4](#) Establishing three (3) new account codes for Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program awards and returning unused Year-Round STAR project funding to the Year-Round STAR Program.  
  
**Received and Filed**
- 4 [AO 21-5](#) Amending HOME admin allocation 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**

**A motion was made by Councilmember Thao to Approve the Consent Agenda  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 5     [RES 21-37](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during November 2 to 13, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 16, 2021 and City Council public hearing for April 7, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2111A, Assessment No. 218510)

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 6     [RES 21-10](#)     Approving Ordinance Permit **20200010402A** for Stormwater Conveyance Infrastructure Installed by Ryan on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site

**Sponsors:**     Tolbert

**Adopted**

- 7     [RES 21-11](#)     Approving Ordinance Permit **20200010403A** for Stormwater Conveyance Infrastructure Installed by Ryan on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site

**Sponsors:**     Tolbert

**Adopted**

- 8     [RES 21-12](#)     Approving Ordinance Permit **20200010602** for Sanitary Sewer Collection Infrastructure Installed by Ryan on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

**Sponsors:**     Tolbert

**Adopted**

- 9     [RES 21-40](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a new management agreement with KidsPark for the management of programming services at Desnoyer Recreation Center.

**Sponsors:**     Jalali

**Adopted**

- 10     [RES 21-62](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds of \$10,000 from the Minnesota Department of Health to support the implementation of virtual walking programs for people who have been diagnosed with arthritis.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 11     [RES 21-55](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of \$500 from Saint Patrick's Association.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 12     [RES 21-76](#)     Renaming one block of Lexington Parkway that now ends with a cul-de-sac north of Montreal Avenue to Old Lexington Avenue.

**Sponsors:**     Tolbert

**Adopted**

- 13     [RES 21-102](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into an Electric Vehicle Public Charging Pilot Service Agreement with Xcel Energy for the electrical supply component of the Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Mobility Network.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 14     [RES 21-103](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to enter into Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) reimbursement agreement in 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 15     [RES 21-104](#)     Authorizing the Police Department expenditures for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training program.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 16     [RES 21-105](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to purchase food and beverages for law enforcement trainings conducted in 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 17     [RES 21-106](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to purchase water and refreshments for witnesses, victims, and suspects during critical incident investigations and assistance programs.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 18     [RES 21-107](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to purchase refreshments for employee recognition ceremonies and events in 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 19     [RES 21-108](#)     Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to community meetings and events.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 20     [RES 21-114](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to accept a gift from the Saint Paul Police K-9 Foundation.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 21     [RES 21-115](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to accept a gift from the Saint Paul Police K-9 Foundation.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 22     [RES 21-109](#)     Amending the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget to allocate funding for capital maintenance projects to the appropriate departments, as recommended by the Capital Improvement Budget Committee

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 23     [RES 21-110](#)     Approving Ordinance Permit 20200010701 for Sanitary Sewer Drop Shaft Infrastructure Installed by Ryan on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

**Sponsors:**     Tolbert

**Adopted**

- 24    [RES 21-116](#)    Amending RES 20-999 related to membership requirements for the Climate Justice Advisory Board.
- Sponsors:        Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 25    [RES 21-72](#)    Approving the Mayor's appointments of Adri Arquin, Kathleen Bacigalupi, Paul Barral, Marlon Batres, Robert Blake, Patty Born Selly, Dominique Diaddigo-Cash, Nick Martin, Louis Offstein, Kristen Poppleton, Audel Shokohzadeh, Cheng Vang, Alice Wagner-Hemstad, Janiece Watts, Melissa Wenzel, and May Yang-Lee to the Saint Paul Climate Justice Advisory Board.
- Sponsors:        Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 26    [RES 21-21](#)    Approving a petition from Robert Salmen for specially assessing the costs of a fire protection system at 2475 Doswell Avenue. (Project No. FP2021-03, Assessment No. 217102).
- Sponsors:        Jalali
- Adopted**

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 27    [RES 21-139](#)    Adopting the City's Legislative Agenda for the 2021 Legislative Session.
- Sponsors:        Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 28    [AHPC 21-1](#)    Public hearing to consider the appeal of the University of Saint Thomas to the Heritage Preservation Commission decision of Loras Hall (2260 Summit Avenue) in the Summit West Heritage Preservation District.
- Sponsors:        Jalali
- Motion of intent - appeal granted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Prince

- 29     [RES PH 21-8](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to accept an anonymous gift.
- Sponsors:     Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 30     [RES PH 21-9](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to accept a gift from the Saint Paul Police Foundation.
- Sponsors:     Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 31     [RES PH 21-10](#)    Authorizing the Police Department to accept a gift from the Minneapolis Police Federation Charities.
- Sponsors:     Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 32     [RES PH 21-11](#)    Approving the Final (combined) Plat for Western Highland Bridge at 966 Mississippi River Boulevard.
- Sponsors:     Tolbert
- Adopted**
- 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 recommended adoption of the following resolutions, as no objections were received:

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 33 [RLH VBR 20-79](#) Appeal of Jesse Rosillo III, on behalf of Aaron King, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 341 ARBOR STREET.

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Adopted**

- 34 [RLH SAO 21-5](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1023 BURR STREET in Council File RLH SAO 20-56.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 35 [RLH VBR 21-1](#) Appeal of Michelle Schumacher to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 963 COMO BOULEVARD EAST.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 36 [RLH TA 20-618](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 895 DESOTO STREET. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 37 [RLH SAO 21-3](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1122 EARL STREET in Council File RLH SAO 20-49.

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted**

- 44 [RLH OA 21-1](#) Appeal of Daniel Boeseneilers on behalf of Viking Drill & Tool to a Denial of Fence Permit Application at 355 STATE STREET and 328 FLORIDA STREET.

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Adopted**

- 45 [RLH TA 20-627](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 937 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503)

**Sponsors:** Thao

**Adopted**

- 46 [RLH TA 20-621](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1600 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2103A, Assessment No. 218502)

**Sponsors:** Jalali

**Adopted**

- 47 [RLH TA 20-619](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 694 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503)

**Sponsors:** Thao

**Adopted**

- 50 [RLH VBR 21-2](#) Appeal of John Bassett, VADC Holdings LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1054 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.

**Sponsors:** Thao

**Adopted**

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

- 42 [RLH TA 20-286](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 158 SIDNEY STREET EAST. (File No. J2009E, Assessment No. 208310) (Amend to delete)

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 52 [RLH AR 20-146](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during July 1 to 14, 2020. (File No. J2103A, Assessment No. 218502)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted as amended (continue public hearing on 1393 Prosperity Avenue to March 3)**



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

**Nay:** 0

- 53**     [RLH AR 20-147](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during July 14 to 30, 2020. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503)

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted as amended (referred 308 Como Avenue to February 16 Legislative Hearing and continued 1393 Prosperity Avenue to March 3 City Council public hearing)**

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

**Nay:** 0

**For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendations are to continue the public hearing to the dates listed:**

- 39**     [RLH TA 21-21](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1030 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503) (Public hearing continued to July 21, 2021)

**Sponsors:**     Prince

**Public hearing continued to July 21**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 40**     [RLH TA 20-667](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1508 IVY AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503) (Public hearing continued to May 19, 2021)

**Sponsors:**     Yang

**Public hearing continued to May 19**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 41**     [RLH RR 20-55](#)     Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 578

LAFOND AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 19-26. (Public Hearing continued to February 3, 2021)

**Sponsors:** Thao

**Public hearing continued to February 3**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 48**     [RLH TA 21-17](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 634 WATSON AVENUE. (File No. J2104A, Assessment No. 218503) (Public hearing continued to July 21, 2021)

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Public hearing continued to July 21**

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

**Nay:** 0

**For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation was to refer the items to January 26 Legislative Hearing:**

- 43**     [RLH RR 20-22](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 678 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH within fifteen (15) days after the May 27, 2020 City Council public hearing. (To be referred back to January 26, 2021 if conditions are met)

**Sponsors:** Jalali

**Referred to January 26 Legislative Hearing**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 51**     [RLH RR 20-32](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 901 YORK AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the October 7, 2020, City Council Public Hearing. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on January 26, 2021)

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Referred to January 26 Legislative Hearing**

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

**Nay:** 0

**An objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation was received and a staff report was given:**

- 49**     [RLH TA 20-620](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 227 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2103A, Assessment No. 218502)

**Sponsors:**        Thao

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Legislative Hearing Officer withdrew the following:**

- 38**     [RLH RR 20-45](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 2531 EDGCUMBE ROAD within fifteen (15) days after the December 9, 2020, City Council Public Hearing. (To be withdrawn)

**Sponsors:**        Tolbert

**Withdrawn**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.**

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