



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, February 16, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:33 pm.

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 22-18](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 22-9.
Received and Filed

- 2 [CO 22-19](#) Letters from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 587 Cook Avenue East and 988 Wilson Avenue nuisance properties. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed

- 3 [AO 22-8](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for 202 Cesar Chavez (Papa Legba), a project selected by CDBG subgrantee NeDA to be funded with West Side Commercial program funds. Funding for 1124 Payne Ave (Cook St Paul), a project selected by CDBG subgrantee ESNDK to be funded with Payne Ave BIF program funds.
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.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 22-187](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and if awarded, accept funds from the F.R. Bigelow Foundation and the Otto Bremer Foundation for Right Track, the City of Saint Paul's Youth Employment Program in an amount of up to \$80,000 for program years 2022 and 2023.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 22-200](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for \$4,000 in funding through the Saint Paul Garden Club, Community Improvement Project Grant program to purchase seeds, plants and related materials to enhance the Kellogg Mall Park roadway medians and, if successful, enter into an agreement with the Saint Paul Garden Club.

Adopted

- 6 [RES 22-201](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to solicit and accept sponsorships and donations, for the Blooming Saint Paul program, to fund hanging baskets, the Blooming Saint Paul Showcase, and materials and supplies to support community gardens in 2022.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 22-203](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into the 2021 JAG Interlocal Agreement with Ramsey County.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 22-219](#) Memorializing the denial of an appeal by Tumble Fresh from a BZA decision denying a zoning variance application to install a full-color dynamic display on a freestanding sign at 1855 Suburban Avenue.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 22-229](#) Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Liquor On Sale - 100 Seats or Less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) License to Kalsada LLC d/b/a Kalsada (License ID # 20220000012) for the premises located at 1668 Selby Avenue.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 22-230](#) Approving a Liquor On Sale - 2AM Closing license to be added to existing licenses for Sakura Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Sakura Japanese Restaurant

(License ID #20050000245) at 350 Saint Peter Street #195.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 22-231](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20200010101 for Roadway Base Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 22-232](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20200010102 for Roadway Base Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 22-233](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20200010103 for Roadway Base Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 22-234](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20200010104 for Roadway Base Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 22-235](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20210010107 for Roadway Base Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 22-237](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2021 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in the amount of \$70,550 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to purchase supplies for the community risk reduction program Project Safe Haven.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 17 [RES 22-244](#) Outlining the City's 2022 Legislative Agenda.

Christian Taylor, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, gave a staff report.

Councilmember Noecker spoke to homelessness funding and Local Government Aid.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor.

Councilmember Jalali spoke to the issue of no-knock warrants.

Councilmember Prince spoke in favor.

Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18** [RES 22-245](#) Authorizing the City to transfer \$4,500,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to a specific account for PED Tourism Package.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor and moved to lay over for one week.

Laid over to February 23, 2022.

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

- 19** [Ord 22-7](#) Amending Chapter 86 of the Administrative Code to add Section 86.12 requiring council approval prior to submission of grant applications.

Council President Brendmoen moved Version 3.

Amendment approved. Ordinance laid over to February 23, 2022 for adoption.

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

See below for ways to testify.

- 20** [Ord 22-8](#) Granting the application of 560 Randolph Ave LLC to rezone property at 540 Randolph Avenue from T2 traditional neighborhood to I1 light industrial and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.
- Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing.*
- Public hearing closed. Ordinance laid over to February 23, 2022 for adoption.**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 21** [Ord 22-9](#) Amending Section 3.02 of the Administrative Code to create an Office of Neighborhood Safety and immigrant and refugee program within the Office of the City Attorney.
- Councilmember Noecker moved Version 2. Adopted 7-0.*
- 8 people spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Yang thanked the testifiers.*
- Amendment approved. Public hearing closed. Ordinance laid over to February 23, 2022 for adoption.**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 22** [RES PH 22-22](#) Approving the application of the Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on March 5, 2022 within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.
- Councilmember Thao moved approval.*
- Public hearing closed. Resolution adopted.**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 23** [RES PH 22-25](#) Authorizing the execution of grant agreements with the Metropolitan Council, which include indemnification clauses, acceptance of grant funds, and amendment of related City budgets.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Public hearing closed. Resolution adopted.

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [RES PH 22-27](#) Authorizing and awarding a business subsidy under the 27th Cycle Neighborhood STAR Program to West Indies Soul Food Inc. at Model Cities Brownstone located at 839 University Avenue West.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Public hearing closed. Resolution adopted.

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

Nay: 0

- 25** [RES PH 22-28](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$600,000 to accept the grant from the Pohlad Family Foundation for a pilot program to optimize social services response and resources.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Public hearing closed. Resolution adopted.

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

- 29** [RLH VO 22-8](#) Appeal of Ted Wagor, Attorney, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 346 CLEVELAND AVENUE NORTH.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Ted Wagor, representing the property owner, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Jalali moved to grant until April 1 to come into compliance.

Council President Brendmoen spoke in support of the motion.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in support of the motion.

Adopted as amended. (Extension granted to April 1st to vacate the property or

come into compliance.)

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended.

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

Nay: 0

- 26 [RLH TA 21-481](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 575 BRAINERD AVENUE. (File No. J2204E, Assessment No. 228303)

Adopted as amended. (Assessment ratified.)

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

Nay: 0

- 27 [RLH TA 21-492](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 575 BRAINERD AVENUE. (File No. J2201E, Assessment No. 228300)

Adopted as amended. (Assessment ratified.)

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

Nay: 0

- 28 [RLH TA 21-478](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 596 CHARLES AVENUE (File No. VB2204, Assessment No. 228803)

Adopted

- 30 [RLH TA 22-8](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1164 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2204, Assessment No. 228803) (Public hearing continued to March 16, 2022)

Public hearing continued to March 16, 2022.

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

Nay: 0

- 31** [RLH TA 21-479](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1788 IGLEHART AVENUE. (File No. CRT2204, Assessment No. 228203)
Adopted
- 32** [RLH VBR 22-8](#) Appeal of Kenneth D. Burnett to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 329 LAWSON AVENUE WEST.
Adopted
- 33** [RLH TA 21-471](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 584 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2204, Assessment No. 228803)
Adopted
- 34** [RLH TA 21-491](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 685 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2204, Assessment No. 228803)
Adopted
- 35** [RLH TA 22-35](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 126 NINTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2201B1, Assessment No. 228108)
Adopted
- 36** [RLH TA 22-42](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 126 NINTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2202B1, Assessment No. 228110)
Adopted
- 37** [RLH TA 21-493](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1050 OXFORD STREET NORTH. (File No. J2204E, Assessment No. 228303)
Adopted
- 38** [RLH TA 21-486](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 770 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2204E, Assessment No. 228303)
Adopted
- 39** [RLH VO 22-9](#) Appeal of Susan M. Beatty to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice, including Condemnation & Order to Vacate, at 281 STURGIS STREET.
Adopted
- 40** [RLH TA 21-359](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 603 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. J2124A, Assessment No. 218543) (Public hearing continued to February 16, 2022)

Adopted as amended. (Assessment reduced.)

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

Nay: 0

- 41 [RLH FCO 22-11](#) Appeal of Aleksandra Felt, Urban Enterprises, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 922 WOODBRIDGE STREET.

Adopted

- 42 [RLH AR 21-115](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 29 to July 23, 2021. (File No. VB2204, Assessment No. 228803)

Adopted

- 43 [RLH AR 21-116](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during August 2021. (File No. J2204B, Assessment No. 228103)

Adopted

- 44 [RLH AR 21-117](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during August 2 to 16, 2021. (File No. CRT2204, Assessment No. 228203)

Adopted

- 45 [RLH AR 21-118](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during June 22 to July 22, 2021. (File No. J2204E, Assessment No. 228303)

Adopted**SUSPENSION ITEM****Rules suspended**

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

Nay: 0

[RES 22-290](#)

Recognizing Rachel Tierney's career with the City of Saint Paul, congratulating her on a successful 22 years of service, and wishing her the best as she embarks on her next professional venture.

Council President Brendmoen read from the resolution.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

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