



# City of Saint Paul

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## Meeting Minutes

### 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*

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Wednesday, July 17, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 3:3 PM**

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-51](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$45,000 of funding for 655 Payne (La Palma) and \$270,090 of funding for American House rehabilitation to be funded with the Business Investment Fund, Citywide 30% AMI Housing Program, and the Housing Real Estate Multi-Unit Development Fund.  
**Received and Filed**
- 2 [AO 24-54](#) Amending ESG Project Budgets: Reallocating funding for the 2022-23 Emergency Solutions Grant activities administered by Ramsey County per the Joint Powers Agreement approved via RES 19-2110.  
**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

*Council President Jalali stated that Item 7 was being withdrawn.*

*Councilmember Jost moved approval.*

**Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

**Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 3     [RES 24-939](#)     Authorizing the City to make a \$1,941,711 correction to the Electric Vehicle Maintenance fund budget in specific projects and accounts to align with actual spending.

**Adopted**

- 4     [RES 24-1006](#)     Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2027) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10.

**Laid over to July 24, 2024**

- 5     [RES 24-1007](#)     Authorizing the City's Emergency Management Department to apply for, and accept if granted, the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) Equipment Grant Program.

**Adopted**

- 6     [RES 24-1009](#)     Approving two polling location changes for the 2024 elections (wards 4 and 7).

**Adopted**

- 7     [RES 24-1026](#)     Approving the Como Regional Park Long-Range Plan.

**Withdrawn**

- 8     [RES 24-948](#)     Changing the rate of pay for Meter Reader Coordinator, EG 01, AFSCME Clerical.

**Adopted**

- 9     [RES 24-949](#)     Changing the rate of pay for Sewer Pumping Station Operator, EG 12.

**Adopted**

#### ROLL CALL

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

**Absent** 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

#### SUSPENSION ITEMS

- [RES 24-1037](#)     Approving the application for change of ownership for 1881 By Lake Elmo Inn

INC d/b/a 1881 By Lake Elmo Inn for the Liquor On Sale - 181-290 Seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday & Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio), (License ID #20240000932) for the premises located at 214 4th Street East.

*Councilmember Noecker spoke to the resolution and moved approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

**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.**

**Final Adoption**

- 10 [Ord 24-15](#) Amending Chapter 67 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the EG East Grand Avenue Overlay District.

*Councilmember Noecker moved Version 2, and asked that it be laid over to August 7, 2024.*

*Spencer Miller-Johnson explained the amended version.*

*Council President Jalali spoke in support.*

**Amended, public hearing reopened, and laid over to August 7, 2024 for Final Adoption**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 11 [Ord 24-17](#) Amending Title XII of the Legislative Code to add Chapter 143 titled Comprehensive Downtown Improvement Special Service District.

**Laid over to July 24, 2024 for Final Adoption**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 12**     [RES PH 24-157](#)     Adopting the 2025 Operating Plan for the Comprehensive Downtown Improvement Special Service District and imposing a service charge pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 428A. (Public hearing closed and laid over from July 17, 2024)

**Public hearing closed and laid over to July 24, 2024**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 13**     [RES PH 24-160](#)     Approving the applications of the Minnesota United FC for sound level variance applications in order to present amplified sound on July 20, and August 24, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with pre-event sound checks at 4:30 p.m., within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 14**     [RES PH 24-161](#)     Approving the application of Rondo Community Coalition for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 820 Rondo Avenue - Rondo Commemorative Plaza.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 15**     [RES PH 24-165](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to accept \$285,000 in additional funds and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for an amended award from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the Enforcement Grant Program 2024 program.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 16     [RES PH 24-166](#)     Approving the application of Water Lantern Festival for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on July 27, 2024 at 1400 Phalen Drive - Phalen Park Beach House.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 17     [RES PH 24-167](#)     Final Order approving the Mill and Overlay on Concordia/Rondo from Snelling to Marion as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program (Project No. MO2403B, Assessment No. 255503).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 18     [RES PH 24-168](#)     Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$397,682 for a reimbursement from the State of Minnesota for equipment for the hazardous materials team.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 19     [RES PH 24-171](#)     Authorizing the City to enter into a purchase agreement for 60 West Sycamore to house the Public Works Solid Waste and Recycle Services; amending the 2024 budget to establish the spending and financing for the purchase; and declaring the official intent of the City to reimburse certain original expenditures related to the capital projects from the proceeds of tax-exempt or taxable bonds to be issued by the City.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

27 [RLH RR 24-26](#)

Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 733 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH RR 24-8.

*\$5,000 performance deposit forfeited and removal ordered within 15 days.*

*Also in attendance: Stamate Skliris, owner*

*Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: My ask is to forfeit the \$5,000 performance deposit and authorize the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) to move forward with removal of the structure. This is the third making finding on if this is a nuisance. You originally granted 180 days, then another 180 days, and then another 90 days most recently. When you granted 90 days in March, you decided that a certain number of conditions needed to be met, that had been negotiated with the building official. They have not been met. It sounds like they're at an impasse now, so I am out of tools to move this across the finish line. In my opinion, alternative dispute resolution needs to occur with a different group of people. Progress is 85-90% done.*

*Council President Jalali: Could you repeat the recommendation again?*

*Moermond: To forfeit the \$5,000 performance deposit and remove within 15 days. I anticipate additional dispute resolution activities outside of that action, but I am not the one to bring those.*

*Jalali: Forfeiture meaning they don't have a chance to get the deposit back?*

*Moermond: Yes. There's not been performance to complete the rehabilitation and meet the terms of the Code Compliance Inspection Report (CCIR). In the normal course of events. I would have long ago asked you either to forfeit the performance deposit and require another \$5,000 or \$10,000 deposit. In this case, I allowed for there to be time to work with DSI. I no longer have any tools, as I said.*

*Jalali: This would be a fourth extension if we granted one?*

*Moermond: There have been 3 so far.*

*Stamate Skliris: I am the owner of this property. Moermond is correct that there is an impasse. When I bought the home I was remote working from North Dakota. I now live only 9 minutes from the property. I'm originally from Worthington, MN where my parents had two restaurants. I've put about \$400,000 into the home. All 3 floors are filled with heated tile. A former council member was a colleague of mine who I went to law school with. They told me to contact DSI Director Wiese, because the building official Steve Ubl was creating a toxic culture. In the list of 5 items from him, I am willing to complete three while I see the other 2 as arbitrary. I asked if I needed a permit for a deck, was told no, so I built it with no footings or railings, short, and without a permit. Ubl said he needed to open up the deck to inspect it, and that isn't going to happen. I also put a heated vent for the oven, which satisfies City code. Ubl told me to replace it or get a new one.*

*Jalali: I understand your ask, and it sounds like you are disputing that with DSI.*

*Skliris: Lastly, you can't forfeit a performance deposit when progress is being made. Ubl said we would get to a yes but didn't honor his word.*

*Councilmember Johnson moved to close the public hearing. Approved 6-0.*

*Jalali: I will move Moermond's recommendation. These issues need to be hashed out at DSI, and this action does not preclude that from happening.*

**Adopted as amended**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

**29**     [RLH VBR 24-36](#)     Appeal of David Chavez to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 721 FOURTH STREET EAST.

*Appeal granted. Property released from Vacant Building Program.*

*Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: This is an appeal of a Vacant Building Registration for this property. It was condemned as unfit for human habitation because the electricity had been shut off. This is a duplex and the owner has restored has restored electricity to Unit 1, where he resides. The other unit is not occupied. In these cases the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) lifts the condemnation and I am recommending that you grant the appeal on the Vacant Building Registration because it is no longer condemned.*

*Councilmember Johnson: Could you reiterate why this was registered as a vacant building?*

*Moermond: Electricity was shut off to the house. City enforcement officials became aware of this through two mechanisms. The first was that Excel energy notifies the City when there's a shut-off. They usually give a grace of a few weeks for somebody to come with their payments. Secondly, the City received a complaint from neighbors about a generator running to the property. Those two things get the inspector out there to see the condition, not that just one wouldn't have done it in either case. This leads to the condemnation and order to vacate, as electric is considered a basic facility for somebody to be living in a house, the same as water service or gas service. Those things have to be present in order for it to be livable. The owner made right with Xcel Energy enough that one of the two units got electricity back. DSI says that unit can be lived in and is now considered safe and habitable. It is not condemned. I recommend, therefore, that this be released from the Vacant Building Program. There was no other criteria identified outside of the lack of electric service that related to the condemnation. There are other problems that are in the system related to this House, such as the generator noise and garbage, but that isn't in front of you today. Those other issues may come forward and be appealed in front of the City Council at another time, but they aren't here now.*

*Johnson: Thank you. Our office will continue to monitor the situation. I will most likely recommend approving Moermond's recommendation. I think there's room for continued conversation around this property and I look forward to that. If folks are here today to talk about this item and it's not related to the vacant building registration conversation, our office stands ready to do that after this meeting.*

*Council President Jalali: Do we have any testifiers?*

*Moermond: No, I believe that we have someone present who doesn't wish to testify but*

wanted to hear more information. Johnson wanted the staff report as well.

Johnson moved to close the public hearing. Approved 6-0.

Johnson: I encourage anyone who wants to continue the conversation about this property to reach out to my office. I move Moermond's recommendation.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

**31**     [RLH OA 24-7](#)

Appeal of Jonah Martin to an Appeal to Denial of Request for Fence Variance at 1672 MCAFEE STREET.

*Appeal granted to allow a 6-foot fence around the entire property.*

*Also in attendance: Jonah Martin, property owner/appellant*

*Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: This is a case where an application for a fence permit was made and the application asked that a 6-foot privacy fence be installed for the perimeter of the property and a gate at the 6-foot level also be installed. City code allows a 7-foot high fence from the front plane of your house backwards through the backyard. From the front plane of the house to the right of way, though, you can only have a 4-foot fence. An aerial view of the property is on the screen right now. the variance asks to allow a 6-foot privacy fence on the front plane. The City building official can grant variances in limited circumstances, but not this one. He could grant it if he found that the site's terrain or nuisance animal conditions warrant a waiver of height restrictions, but none of those things apply here. At the hearing we decided that a 6-foot fence would be allowed on the north side of the front plane, since it abuts the neighboring property's backyard. For the south side of the front plan and the street facing side, it would not make sense though. There's are two major concerns. The first is more aesthetic, since it would create a fortress-like appearance and affect neighborhood livability. This would affect all neighbors now and moving forward. The other concern is about safety, and having safety personnel able to get into the property if they need to. Hopping a 4-foot fence is easier than hopping a 6-foot one. To sum up, my 3 reasons for not granting the variance beyond just the north side are: It doesn't meet the code requirements for a variance, it would have a negative impact on the neighborhood, and it could have a negative safety impact. The owner is present and has a set of arguments which I'm looking forward to him presenting.*

*Jonah Martin: I'm trying to get the taller fence variance because I have two sons with autism and they have what the doctors call eloping tendencies. I've already had a couple of mishaps with them leaving the property. My children are in high school and they're going to be with me for life. The reason why I need a taller fence is for safety, not privacy. Their mental capabilities are very limited and they don't know the correct ways of doing things, so they could potentially put themselves into harm's way, walking out in the streets, potentially getting into a random stranger's car. We're kind of new to the neighborhood. My father in law owned the house and passed away during the pandemic. We moved here and we're trying to make this our permanent home. He owned the house for last 30 years and we plan on living here full-time and we just want*



to make it safe for our children.

Council President Jalali: Could you clarify your request?

Martin: I just hope to be able to put up a taller visual barrier for them, with no footholds so they're not able to climb it. They have climbed the four foot ones and I have pictures of a broken fence from that. Right now, we've got our eyes on them while they're outside, but anything can happen.

Jalali: How old did you say your children were again?

Martin: One's about to be 18, the other 16.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing. Approved 6-0.

Noecker: Just to recap, what is the height that is allowed, what is being requested, and what is the variance that you're recommending?

The back plane allows 7 feet. The proposal is to install 6 feet all around; no variance is required there. The front plane has a maximum of 4 feet, so a two-foot variance is being requested. The fence type is also changing from chain link to privacy, which may help deal with footholds. In Legislative Hearing, we discussed that a possible technique for problem solving might be alarming the house so that you need to hit a code before you were to open a door or an alarm will go off. These kinds of things could be explored, but the preference is to have it be 6-foot fence around the entire property.

Noecker: Could you clarify your recommendation?

Moermond: My recommendation is to approve a 2-foot variance only on the north border of the front yard, because that is the neighboring house's backyard.

Councilmember Kim: The north side of this house is essentially the back side of the house to the north. This is a Ward 6 item that I've been working on with Councilmember Yang out. Yang is in supportive of Moermond's recommendation, which I will be moving on her behalf.

Councilmember Johnson: Do we have a way of knowing if neighbors would oppose a 6-foot fence?

Moermond: We don't know. For the north side neighbor, it is against the rear of their property and would be installed on this property. The impact there is minimal.

Johnson: I see a safety concern here. What other methods for safety have been explored?

Moermond: On the screen now is an aerial of the property. [Moermond described the property again and explained where a 6 foot fence is allowed, and not allowed. She then pointed to where she recommended a variance.]

Noecker: I find the applicant's testimony about the safety issues to be compelling. If we're talking about an attempt to keep a child safe, it's only as strong as the lowest point. If other parts of the fence are then low enough for a child to get out, it doesn't really matter what other parts are higher.

*Councilmember Bowie: I agree. I hear the concerns from the applicant. This is a unique situation where it's safety over aesthetics. What are the regulations like in terms of fence materials?*

*Moermond: The proposed fence would be a privacy fence and provide a complete visual screen. The types of fencing material allowed in the City are undefined in our code, but for the allowance of barbed wire or electric fencing in special cases like around correctional facilities. That would not be allowed for residential uses.*

*Jalali: It also sounds like the proposal is for a non-foothold type fence.*

*Johnson: It sounds like Kim will be making a motion on behalf of Yang to approve Moermond's recommendation. If that happens, I'll most likely be voting no, in the hope that they could have a 6-foot fence all around. I also would love to have notification of this decision sent to the surrounding neighbors.*

*Kim: Nothing we do today precludes the back fence being as tall as they're requesting. Personally, if I were not making this motion on behalf of Ward 6, I actually do think that we are the body that makes these decisions on when we do and do not follow our rules and for what reasons. I appreciate the sentiment that Johnson is pressing. I will reiterate that I'm moving Moermond's recommendation.*

*Jalali: How would we proceed if that motion fails?*

*Moermond: I would then recommend that the Council amend the resolution to grant the variance, if that's what you decide. Right now, the resolution has my recommendation and says you agree with it. That can be amended to say that you don't.*

*Jalali: I have been persuaded to allow the variance. Let's vote.*

*Kim moved the recommendation of the Legislative Hearing Officer. Motion failed 1-5 (Those opposed being Councilmembers Noecker, Jalali, Bowie, Jost, and Johnson)*

*Kim moved to amend the resolution to grant the appeal and approve.*

**Adopted as amended (appeal granted in full)**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 38**     [RLH RR 23-58](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 378 SIMS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 20, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)

*Granted 180 days.*

*Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: A new version is before you in Legistar to grant 180 days. They provided all documents needed as of 3pm today.*

*Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*

**Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA**

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**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

*Councilmember Jost moved approval.*

**Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 20**    [RLH TA 24-210](#)    Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1468 BREDA AVENUE. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312)  
**Adopted**
- 21**    [RLH TA 24-212](#)    Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1039 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J2409B, Assessment No. 248108)  
**Adopted**
- 22**    [RLH SAO 24-39](#)    Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2135 CASE AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-35.  
**Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)**
- 23**    [RLH TA 24-234](#)    Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 66 COOK AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312)  
**Adopted**
- 24**    [RLH TA 24-219](#)    Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1783 DAYTON AVENUE. (File No. VB2409, Assessment No. 248812)  
**Adopted**
- 25**    [RLH TA 24-211](#)    Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 969 EARL STREET. (File No. J2407P, Assessment No. 248406)  
**Adopted**

- 26     [RLH TA 24-221](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1762 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. VB2409, Assessment No. 248812) (Public hearing continued to August 7, 2024)  
**Public hearing continued to August 7, 2024**
- 28     [RLH SAO 24-40](#)     Appeal of Cristy Hahn to a Notice to Cut Tall Grass And/Or Weeds at 957 FLANDRAU STREET.  
**Adopted**
- 30     [RLH TA 24-213](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2044/2048 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. J2407P, Assessment No. 248406)  
**Adopted**
- 32     [RLH RR 24-23](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 41 MILLER CREST LANE within fifteen (15) days after the July 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.  
  
**Referred to July 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing**
- 33     [RLH VBR 24-35](#)     Appeal of L Lee Coulter to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 2117 MOHAWK AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 34     [RLH RR 24-24](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 2117 MOHAWK AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the July 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.  
  
**Referred to July 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing**
- 35     [RLH RR 24-25](#)     Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1971 NORTONIA AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 23-57.  
**Adopted**
- 36     [RLH VBR 24-37](#)     Appeal of Lee Begnaud to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 736 OAKDALE AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 37     [RLH TA 24-231](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1411 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312) (Legislative Hearing on July 16, 2024)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment ratified and made payable over 2 years)**
- 39     [RLH SAO 24-33](#)     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2425 YOUNGMAN AVENUE in Council File RLH CO 24-4.

**Adopted**

- 40 [RLH AR 24-44](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 25 to December 20, 2023. (File No. VB2409, Assessment No. 248812)

**Adopted**

- 41 [RLH AR 24-45](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2024. (File No. J2409B, Assessment No. 248108)

**Adopted**

- 42 [RLH AR 24-54](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during December 28 to January 30, 2024. (File No. CRT2408, Assessment No. 248207)

**Adopted**

- 43 [RLH AR 24-47](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during November 22 to December 22, 2023. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312)

**Adopted**

- 44 [RLH AR 24-48](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during December 5 to 14, 2023. (File No. J2407P, Assessment No. 248406)

**Adopted**

- 45 [RLH AR 24-49](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during February 2024. (File No. 2407T, Assessment No. 249008)

**Adopted****ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting ended at 5:35 PM**

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