City of Saint Paul

Meeting Minutes

City Council

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd Floor
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Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 **3:30 PM** **Council Chambers - 3rd Floor**

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

ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m.

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Absent 1 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 CO 21-60 Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-32.

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Brendmoen said that Chuck Repke passed away. He is a legend in Saint Paul. Later, they will have a resolution and an opportunity for stories. For now, they will take a second to acknowledge a legend that passed this week.

For the Consent Agenda, Brendmoen said Items 16 and 18 will be taken separately.

Councilmember Yang moved the balance.
6 in favor, none opposed
Consent Agenda is adopted as amended

Adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

2 RES 21-958 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of recognizing and adding June 19 (Juneteenth Day) as a paid holiday under the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Fire Supervisory Association, Local 3939. (Laid over from July 28)

Adopted

3 RES 21-1056 Authorizing payment in the amount of $33,871.01 in full and final settlement of the claim of the Hanover Insurance Company as subrogee of Premier Materials Technology, Inc.

Adopted

4 RES 21-1057 Accepting a gift of nine (9) Art stones, valued at $20,300, from the Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society for the Saint Paul Changsha China Friendship Garden at Phalen Regional Park.

Adopted

5 RES 21-1058 Authorizing payment in the amount of $10,785.00 in full and final settlement of the claim of Lindsey Smaka.

Adopted

6 RES 21-1059 Authorizing payment in the amount of thirteen thousand three hundred forty dollars and forty cents ($13,340.40) in full and final settlement of the claim of Travelers Home & Marine Insurance Company as Subrogee of Lauren Hopps.

Adopted

7 RES 21-1076 Approval of a Liquor On Sale - 101 -180 seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (B) license to KJ's Hideaway LLC d/b/a KJ's Hideaway (License ID #20210001046) for the premises located at 408 St. Peter Street.

Adopted

8 RES 21-1077 Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less and Liquor On Sale - Sunday License with conditions to Gazta & Enhancements LLC d/b/a O'Cheeze (License ID #20210001008) for the premises located at 928 Seventh Street West, Unit 106.

Adopted

9 RES 21-1079 Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less and Liquor On Sale - Sunday License to Five Deco LLC d/b/a Deco Catering (License ID #20210000878) for the premises located at 886 Syndicate Street.

Adopted

10 RES 21-1080 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and AFSCME District Council 5, Clerical - Local 2508, for the purpose of providing a shoe allowance for Zoo Keepers at the Como Park Zoo & Conservatory. (Laid over from July 28)

Adopted

11 RES 21-1089 Authorizing the City to execute a fourth amendment to a conservation easement held by the State of Minnesota within the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in order to provide for the City's repurchase of a 3.57-acre portion of the conservation easement to permit construction of the proposed Wakan Tipi Center within the sanctuary property

Adopted

12 RES 21-1097 Approving the Labor Agreement between the Independent School District 625 and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34 (May 1, 2021- April 30, 2024).

Laid over to August 11

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

13 RES 21-1098 Recognizing and honoring Chief William Kelso Finney for the naming of the Saint Paul Police Department Western District.

Adopted

14 RES 21-1099 Approving the polling location changes for the November 2, 2021 general election.

Adopted

15 RES 21-1101 Approving the Mayor’s appointment of Farah Mohamoud and reappointments of Tom Reding and John Cardoza to the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA).

Adopted

17 RES 21-1103 Approving the Mayor’s appointment of Ethan Osten to a three-year term on the Heritage Preservation Commission.

Adopted

19 RES 21-1112 Authorizing the City's ranked list of 2022 State G.O. bonding requests and support for local nonprofit partner State G.O. bonding projects for submittal to Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB).

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

16 RES 21-1102 Approving the Mayor's reappointments of Yolanda McIntosh, Sheri Riemers, Tony Lusiba, James McClean, Ramona Wilson, Chad Kulas, Chris Tolbert, and Becky Degendorfer to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.

Council President Brendmoen moved Version 2. There is a mistake in the appointment. Becky is actually being appointed to a County Board. The Mayor would like to appoint someone else, and that is in Version 2. She moved approval.
6 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted as amended

Adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

18 RES 21-1113 Honoring Joyce Maddox for her service to the City and declaring August 5, 2021 as Joyce Maddox Day

Councilmember Prince said that this is a surprise for tomorrow. Don't mention it to Joyce. Prince is moving Version 2.
6 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted as amended

Adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

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.

First Reading

20 Ord 21-27 Amending Legislative Code Chapters 60, 63, 65, and 66 pertaining to off-street parking requirements.

Tony Johnson, PED (Planning and Economic Development), gave a staff report on the citywide parking study he has been working on for a while. It was initiated in 2018 by the Planning Commission in order to help implement policies from the climate action and resiliency plan and comprehensive plan. Staff developed 2 packages of amendments: one package of amendments fully eliminates minimum parking requirement, and the other package of amendments would reduce minimum parking requirements. On March 19, the Planning Commission released the study for public review and set a public hearing for April 30, 2021. Staff gave 2 webinars open to anyone and also gave presentations to any district council which requested one. For the webinar and district council presentations, they used characters to convey how the current policy creates issues with housing affordability, business flexibility, economic development, and climate change. They were also able to convey that eliminating parking minimum would increase housing affordability and reduce construction costs, give new flexibility to small business owners, support economic growth, reduce emissions, and make walking, biking, and transit more appealing. These amendments were also intended to more it more appealing for people to walk, bike, and take transit. How does the TDM (travel demand management) work? The City will provide a menu of tools to make it easier to walk, bike, and take transit. Developers would choose from that menu for their new development which would support walking, biking, transit uses. The guide will include tools like subsidized transit passes, protected bike parking, street calming. The proposed ordinance would be to any development for 25 or more rental units or 20,000 square feet or more of a non residential use. In addition to the TDM updates, they would decouple bike parking requirements from vehicular parking requirement, steam line process and standards for parking, and other amendments in Chapters 60, 61, 65, and 66. On April 30th, the Planning Commission held a public hearing. There were 237 comments online and 4 people spoke at the public hearing. The public overwhelmingly supported the options to eliminate minimum parking requirements. Followed by the status quo, the Planning Commission met again and voted 17-2 to recommend the City Council adopt the "full elimination" package of amendments.

Regarding the decoupling of parking requirement form the bike requirements, Councilmember Tolbert asked are there any parts in the ordinance where you rely on parking requirements where things are coupled together, other things in the ordinance that are affected by this. Johnson responded that is part of the amendments in the other chapters. In the full elimination option, they had to fix the inconsistencies.

Tolbert said this proposal addresses every part of our ordinance that relies on the parking minimums. Johnson responded that is correct.

Tolbert asked are other things going to happen by the elimination of things that were coupled together at a previous time. Johnson responded he did not think so. They didn't have time to fix, there was something in the storm water ordinance that says if you go over a minimum, you have to do more storm water things. Without a minimum, it didn't make sense so they took it out. They might want to revisit and see if there is a way to still promote storm water and parking lots.

Tolbert asked is it too complicated. Johnson responded they would have had to develop another way to do it. They could tie it to a pervious surface coverage. He couldn't find another city that has taken that approach.

Tolbert said they have used the parking minimums to give bonuses to other policies they like or give a trade-off.

Johnson said one of the things minimum parking does is they can decentralize certain things. Their bike parking is because they want a reduction in minimum parking requirements. They can lower the bike requirements so they can get more bike parking. Also, it does not have to be tied to parking and they can get more production in bike parking that way. They could do shared parking.

Tolbert asked about shared vehicles. Johnson responded a lot of people don't use shared vehicles. They want to do EV (electrical vehicle), so he doesn't see much of a difference in getting shared.

Councilmember Prince said they still have lots of neighborhoods that are moving towards permit parking because they don't want to have the overflow parking from businesses and neighborhoods. Permit parking is something that we are continuing to offer at the City. One of the issues with permit parking is that neighborhoods that get it are thinking they will have good enforcement, but it is hard for parking enforcement to keep up with enforcing it. Have we looked at whether or not this is going to be moving neighborhoods in seeking more permit parking because they don't want the large housing development without a parking minimum? Have you heard from people about permit parking or looked at permit parking ordinance? I don't see that need going away in some of the neighborhoods. Johnson responded they did not evaluate the permit parking ordinance and are not proposing changes as part of this study. It does not mean that City does not have work to do with parking policy or different parking issues. If we get concentrated development, we may need to look at different parking management strategies. One thing we haven't had minimum Downtown or minimums on the green line. They have seen development. There are some places where street parking is getting tight. Something that he does not see as an immediate issue. They will continue to work with them on changes on the on-street parking policy.

Prince said they looked at both elimination and reduction. Does it make since to be starting with a reduction and moving to an elimination. They could do it in a phased approach. Johnson said the reduce option introduces 2 things to a code: is an administration reduction in minimum parking requirement. They tied a parking reduction to TDM measures. In that option, it would be possible to get to any parking ratio that you want for a new development, but they would have to institute more TDM measures to do that. The other thing that option did was to introduce targeted exemptions for different things. They are proposing an exemption for small businesses and buildings built before 1955. That is the date they introduced parking requirements in Saint Paul. They also propose an exemption for affordable housing units. For example, they simplified the residential requirements.

Prince asked about the phased approach: start with a reduction and then move to a full elimination. Johnson responded that the PC and public expressed the simplicity of the full elimination approach. The other option would be effective, but it could be cumbersome to implement. It is more confusing. Another thing for full elimination vs. reduction: if we allow 4 units citywide, the full elimination option would be more effective in helping to promote those units.

Council President Brendmoen said this has been ruminating for a few years now. Her questions have been answered. She doesn't answer zero questions because she doesn't have any. Between the community process and work at the Planning

Commission, her questions have been ironed out. This is the first ordinance with her new 3 ordinance reading approach. Next week will be the public reading. It will be virtual. They are coming to the end of the virtual meetings hopefully and will be back to in-person soon.

This will be laid over for one week.

Laid over to second reading public hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS

21 Ord 21-31 Granting the application of St Albans LLC to rezone property at 695 Grand from B2 Community Business District to T3 Traditional Neighborhood District, amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map, and denying the rezoning out of the EG East Grand Avenue Overlay District. (Public hearing closed August 11)

Council President Brendmoen said there is a public hearing. The staff report was last week. There has been significant input in Legistar. All councilmembers are able to see the e-mails and voice mails. We have held this public hearing virtually. Last week, Noecker made a request to continue the public hearing to the third reading. She is not here today.

Jalali moved to continue the public hearing to next week for third reading and a vote.
6 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is continued to August 11

Laid over to third reading public hearing

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

22 RES PH 21-182 Approving the application of Trilingua Cinema for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on August 20, 2021 at 1200 Payne Avenue, the play field behind Arlington Hills Rec Center.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

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

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

23 RES PH 21-183 Approving the application of the Minnesota United FC v Sporting KC MLS game for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 21, 2021 within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

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

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

24 RES PH 21-185 Approving the application of Irish Fair of Minnesota for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 12 through August 15, 2021 at 200 Dr. Justus Ohage Boulevard - Harriet Island.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.
6 in favor none opposed
Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

25 RES PH 21-186 Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 21, 2021 at Phalen Park Picnic Pavilion Patio.

Council President Brendmoen said this hearing was held virtually.

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

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

26 RES PH 21-189 Approving the application of One Simple Plan for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on August 21, 2021 at 2 Wabasha Street - Raspberry Island Regional Park.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing was held virtually.

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

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

27 RES PH 21-190 Approving the application of Ginger Porcella for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on August 28, 2021 at 1008 Grotto Street North.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing was held virtually. She moved to close the public hearing and approve.
6 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

28 RES PH 21-192 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept a donation in the amount of $25,000 from the Minnesota Vikings to support the Capital City Youth Tackle Football League, and to amend the Department Grant Fund budget by adding $25,000 to the financing and spending plan to reflect donated funds.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing was held virtually.

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

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

29 RES PH 21-193 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept funds in an amount up to $10,000 from the Capitol Region Watershed District's (CRWD) Partner Grants program, authorizing the proper City officials to execute an agreement with the CRWD, and amending the financing and spending plan in the Department in the amount of $10,000 to reflect funds received for the Parks Ambassadors program.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing was held virtually.

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

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

30 RES PH 21-196 Authorizing the Office of Technology and Communications to use fund balance, accumulated and unspent in 2020, to increase the financing and spending budgets in the General Government phone services account by $118,285.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing was held virtually.

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

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

The Legislative Hearing Officer recommends adoption of the following resolutions, as no objections to these recommendations were received:

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

31 RLH TA 21-281 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 939 CONWAY STREET. (File No. J2119A, Assessment No. 218535)

Adopted

32 RLH FCO 21-116 Appeal of Nina Turner to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 36 DALE STREET SOUTH.

Adopted

34 RLH VBR 21-46 Appeal of Mark Younghans to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 1066 DESOTO STREET.

Adopted

36 RLH TA 21-275 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1203 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. J2109B, Assessment No. 218109)

Adopted

38 RLH TA 21-280 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2015 IVY AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2119A, Assessment No. 218535)

Adopted

39 RLH FCO 21-107 Appeal of Larry Kuenster to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Approval with Corrections at 1126 LINCOLN AVENUE.

Adopted

40 RLH TA 21-305 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 461 LYNNHURST AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2120A, Assessment No. 218536)

Adopted

41 RLH VO 21-24 Appeal of Shai Leibovich to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1569 MARGARET STREET.

Adopted

42 RLH FCO 21-115 Appeal of Erin Washington to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy with Deficiencies at 872 PAYNE AVENUE.

Adopted

44 RLH TA 21-274 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2162 STEWART AVENUE. (File No. J2120A, Assessment No. 218536)

Adopted

46 RLH AR 21-60 Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during February 26 to March 11, 2021. (File No. J2119A, Assessment No. 218535)

Adopted

47 RLH AR 21-61 Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during March 15 to 29, 2021. (File No. J2120A, Assessment No. 218536)

Adopted

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

35 RLH RR 21-11 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 318 EDMUND AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the April 21, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted as amended (grant 180 extension)

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

37 RLH TA 21-56 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1340 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303) (Public hearing continued to August 4, 2021)

Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

45 RLH TA 21-22 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 649 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2109A, Assessment No. 218508) (Public hearing continued to August 4, 2021)

Adopted as amended (reduce assessment)

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the Public Hearing to January 19, 2022:

43 RLH TA 21-309 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 869 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2120A, Assessment No. 218536) (Public hearing continued to January 19, 2022; amend to delete)

Continue public hearing to Jan 19, 2022

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to refer to Legislative Hearing August 17, 2021:

33 RLH FCO 21-113 Appeal of Ray Moore to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 710 DESOTO STREET. (To refer to August 17, 2021 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to Legislative Hearing on August 17

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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