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 25, 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 3:33 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 21-66 Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-34.

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 Brendmoen said Items 4 and 8 will be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Jalali moved the balance.
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

2 RES 21-989 Authorizing the City's acceptance of property owned by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority at the former Hamm's Brewery to be used for park purposes as part of Swede Hollow Park.

Adopted

3 RES 21-1165 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for the Preparing for Emerald Ash Borer Grant (2021-2023) of up to $100,000 from the Department of Natural Resources to replace trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer, and if funds are granted, authorizing the proper City of Saint Paul officials to execute the grant agreement which includes indemnification language.

Adopted

5 RES 21-1180 Authorizing the City to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of West St. Paul for the reconstruction of Annapolis Street from Smith Avenue to Kansas Avenue.

Adopted

6 RES 21-1184 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept the Shade Tree Program Bonding Grant (2021-2024) of $50,000 from the Department of Natural Resources to replace trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer and authorizing the proper City officials to execute the grant agreement which includes indemnification language.

Adopted

7 RES 21-1193 Waiving the 45-day notice requirement in order to add a Malt On Sale (Strong) and Wine On Sale license with conditions to the existing licenses held by Stone Saloon SBC, d/b/a Waldmann (License #20170000652) for the premises located at 445 Smith Avenue.

Adopted

9 RES 21-1215 Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into an agreement with McGough for tower crane operator training that includes indemnification language.

Adopted

10 RES 21-1228 Consenting, pursuant to Administrative Code Section 24.03(1)(iii), to Menaka Mohan performing work on behalf of NEOO Partners Inc. in furtherance of the City’s Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) focused business technical assistance project.

Adopted

11 RES 21-1142 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the

Classified Confidential Employees Association (CCEA) for the purpose of addressing the employment status of employees hired through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

Adopted

12 RES 21-1144 Establishing the rate of pay for Construction Coordinator in Grade 018 of EG 06, Professional Employees Association (PEA).

Adopted

13 RES 21-1145 Establishing the rate of pay for Design and Construction Supervisor in Grade 022 of EG 09, Saint Paul Supervisors Organization (SPSO).

Adopted

14 RES 21-1167 Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2024) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 110.

Adopted

15 RES 21-1176 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Legal, Local 3757 for the purpose of addressing the employment status of employees hired through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

4 RES 21-1166 Approving the 2021 Cultural Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Grant Program awards.

Council President Brendmoen said she wanted to recognize the Cultural STAR Commission and the next item (Item 8) Neighborhood STAR board. It is a huge job to go through all the applicants. She acknowledged the board.

Councilmember Prince said she wanted to acknowledge Mixed Blood Theatre that they recommended. They were taken out after the Mayor's deliberation. She wondered if there was information on that. They were previously funded and the project could not happen last year. Could a staff person tell the Council what got traded out or traded in for it? Councilmember Noecker responded that she had the same question. She talked to Noel Nix and he shared that the Mayor's priority was given to organizations in Saint Paul.

Brendmoen said the funds are limited. They are not reflections on the value of the organization.

Prince said she appreciates the funding is tight, and they have to make some tough choices.

Councilmember Jalali echoed the appreciation of staff. She is recusing herself from the vote to comply with the ethics rules.

Councilmember Thao moved the resolution.

6 in favor, none opposed, 1 recusal (Jalali)

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 - Councilmember Jalali

8 RES 21-1194 Approving the FY2021 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization loan and grant awards.

Council President Brendmoen gave gratitude to the folks who volunteer to serve on the Sales Tax Revitalization Loan and Grant Board or STAR board. People were trying to sue a system that would measure this years award. She looks forward to a full board. It is important to keep those spots filled. There is a reason why there are 3 from every ward.

Councilmember Prince 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

16 SR 21-133 Update on Covid-19 from Ramsey County Public Health.

The following spoke: Sara Hollie, new Public Health Director; Lauren Anderson, Health Protection Manager

Received and Filed

17 RES 21-1237 Authorizing the City to transfer $50,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to a specific account for a vaccine incentive program.

Councilmember Yang says the County needs to run their own program. Saint Paul needs to be run in a different way. Money should be invested into organizations that have to be doing vaccine incentives. She will not be supporting it. Saint Paul has been collaborative with the County already.

Councilmember Noecker says she speaks in support of everything Yang said. Public Health should be serving us. $50,000 is a lot of money. She also will be voting no.

Councilmember Jalali said she will be voting in support of it. The strategy needs to continue.

Councilmember Prince says she agrees with Noecker and Yang about the rest of Ramsey County pitching in. She supports working more directly with communities. She has a concern that we will be running the program at the State Fair for first shots. We should coordinate that we are not overlapping with each other. There needs to be a better way to coordinate that activity.

Councilmember Tolbert said he will support it to allocate the money. It may not be perfect.

Council President Brendmoen says she appreciates the comments. We are passing ARP funds that are emergency programs. There are state, county, and other programs that are active. This feels more like piecemeal. This one is throwing money at a problem. She would like to see how the Ramsey County plan works.

Councilmember Thao said he will speak against this resolution as well. He appreciates we have broken the resolution into separate items.

Jalali moved to approve.
2 in favor, 5 opposed (Noecker, Prince, Thao, Yang, Brendmoen)
Resolution fails

Failed

Yea: 2 - Councilmember Tolbert and Councilmember Jalali

Nay: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Yang

18 RES 21-1236 Authorizing the City to transfer $181,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to a specific account for the Law Enforcement Career Path Academy.

Council President Brendmoen we are taking items separately from last week's budget amendment so that we can look at them separately. We had a discussion last week.

Councilmember Jalali said she wanted to speak to it again. She mentioned concerns last week. It was her understanding someone would speak to what this is. She has asked questions offline regarding what the program is, what we get out of it, the goals behind it. She has supported this in the past. The idea behind it is diversifying the police. She has maintained and talked about it a lot that we need to shift away from growing the police department. The total is so far 8 officers who are officers of color. That is after hundreds of thousands of dollars of investment. They should get away from diversifying institutions that are systemically more violent. She won't be supporting the item.

Brendmoen said Deputy Chief Stacy Murphy is here. Brendmoen says she completely understands shifting away from Police. For the record, since we have been doing law enforcement, we have had one Police academy. The opportunity of bringing people into the force is not there. Just an opportunity to be part of the community and contributing may lead people to other roles in the City and other roles in public safety, and public safety in other cities. There are so many nuanced angles of that.

Deputy Chief Murphy said the law enforcement career path academy, there have been 8 students in the program who were hired on and gotten through the police academy. They are currently out working as an officer. There were 4 additional individuals from the academy that ended up being hired at other police agencies because we did not

have an academy last year. Currently, there are 21 students that have conditional job offers for the academy that is supposed to start in October. These funds are for a group of 20 in the law enforcement academy starting in September, which aligns with Century College. This is another feeder program into the law enforcement academy: parking enforcement, community liaison, and this is the third pathway. The purpose is to get individuals engaged in doing community work before becoming a police officer, so they see the value in doing that type of work. That is the goal. They feel individuals who did not finish the program or got hired elsewhere, they consider those still a success. A number of individuals are under the poverty level, many have not had any college courses. The first 3 college courses the City has paid through grant funding and to get them on a career path. They have had some that decided security or corrections is a better path, they still consider that a success because it is a pathway out of poverty.

Councilmember Thao said he will vote in favor of this. They talked about diversifying the police force. Being a peace officer in this community is difficult. You have to have many expertise: sometimes you are a social worker and sometimes a peacemaker. You need a mix of different skills. They need more officers that understand the community and can de-escalate things. It is important for them to get to this training to prepare them for challenges in the future.

Councilmember Prince said it is her understanding that this has been paid for entirely from philanthropic and other grants. The City has not paid for the program. Murphy responded that is correct.

Prince said Chief Axtell has talked in the past about his vision: every time we have a police academy and we hire them, that they spend their first 6 months in community engagement getting to know their community. That has not been possible to date. It's really important to realize that these students are having incredible experiences in all of our neighborhoods. When going to a community event, she always makes a point to talk to the law enforcement career path students, who are enthusiastic about this program, learning about the City, meeting its people, and understanding the job of a peace officer. She fully supports the program.

Councilmember Noecker says she also supports the program. There should be a joint strategy between the Administration and the City Council. There are some investments they need to make on an emergency basis. She does not want to do much more piecemeal funding. She is interested in how the Administration plans to move forward. Why is it necessary that this funding is allocated today? Murphy responded this program was funded mainly through Americorp and some other grant funding. They no longer have that funding as of September 1. Her understanding that this become a City program starting January 1. They were not able to accept grant funding to bridge that gap. They already had contracts in place and things with Century College. From September 1 through the end of the year, they do not have a way to pay for the funding.

Councilmember Yang said she will not being supporting this. She is hearing a lot of about community, which is important. She doesn't understand why it is a pipeline for police officers. Community engagement is for anyone who is doing emergency services to be able to have. She has an interest in seeing this is implemented for all kinds of people who do emergency work. People do not know 9-1-1 is not just about police. This is problematic. She hears a lot of representation being important. When it comes to traditional policing, we are far behind. In this conversation, we have not touched on the controversial things that are happening in the community today: mass

incarceration, high rates of blacks who are dying by police officers. It is tokenizing to have more people of color would be better. Major change needs to happen.

Councilmember Tolbert said this is a good pathways program. This is a way to get more of our community into public safety and policing. They asked the policy to work on diversifying the department. This puts members of the community first in this profession.

Thao moved approval.
5 in favor, 2 opposed (Yang, Jalali)
Resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

19 RES 21-1235 Authorizing the City to transfer $25,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to a specific account to establish the Office of Neighborhood Safety.

Council President Brendmoen said this was discussed last week.

Councilmeber Jalali said she commended the administration. She served on this commission at the beginning of the year. She will vote in support.

Councilmember Noecker said she will also vote in support.

Jalali 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

20 RES 21-1234 Authorizing the City to transfer $1,700,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to a specific account for RiverCentre Ramp maintenance.

Council President Brendmoen said they talked about this last week.

Councilmember Tolbert said he understands the urgency and the need for maintenance. It is a 50 plus-year old ramp that they have been attempting to replace or redo for ten or so years. What is the plan going forward?

Nicolle Goodman, Director of Planning and Economic Development, said they have to look at several things. All have been impacted by the pandemic. They need to consider developable land and developments downtown. They have requested funding to hire a consultant. It would include a marketing study. It may take as long as a year. They should have a path forward in 16 months.

Council President Brendmoen said they have consultanted, studied, and evaluated this

site to death. They know life is going to be different. She is hopeful. She is hoping to use some of the previous RFP work to help facilitate them speeding up the conversation with a new consultant. Goodman responded she was not here previously when the work was done. They provided every bit of work that was done previously.

Councilmember Tolbert asked about the ongoing maintenance costs. It has been about a million or $1.5 Million a year. Would they anticipate this cost for the next 3 to 5 years? Goodman responded said it is hard to get a time frame. The long term timeframe would be determined by a study and there needs to be ongoing maintenance. These decisions should not be made without the context of the pandemic and everything else we have to consider.

Brendmoen said we have to set a goal or we will keep throwing money into the money pit.

Councilmember Noecker asked about the urgency of spending another $1.7 Million on this property right now. Huepenbecker responded they didn't do any repairs last year. The study they did 5 years ago estimated about $1 Million a year. The certificate of occupancy inspections showed structural needs to be repaired. The structural engineer submitted an annual report and it indicated some structural repairs that needed to be done. To do the correction notice and make sure the ramp is safe, that work needs to be done now before it snows. $1.1 Million for next year.

Councilmember Jalali asked is the center open right now or is it projected to? Are we repairing the ramp when it is not being used right now. Huepenbecker said some have cancelled. We had 2 ceremonies in the building. When the Minnesota Wild starts, parking revenue comes to the RiverCenter. $1.1 Million for the rest of the year, it is supported by events. They need that open to generate revenue. There are concerts coming up.

Jalali said from the remaining events to come, we are expecting $1.1 million in revenue, but that is only accessible if we are able to prepare the ramp for use. Huepenbecker responded that is correct.

As a board member, Councilmember Prince said she is concerned about the fact that the RiverCenter invented in the 1990's depends on its operating funds for the revenue from that ramp. It is the way we pay for RiverCentre to operate. We should come up with a different way, but this is the one we have. As a board member, she feels compelled to support this expenditure.

Councilmember Thao said he will speak in favor. There has been damage year in and year out to the ramp. It gets kicked down the road. We have an opportunity to stop this and make the repairs. It involves safety. It's when you have an organization and you don't invest in your security and then you get ransomware and you are held hostage: it's not important until something breaks and someone gets hurt. This is an opportunity for us to invest in this part of the City. He will be speaking in favor of this item.

Councilmember Tolbert said he supports this item. They are going to have to anticipate additional costs annually. It is important that they keep this ramp open for the time being. This ramp is beyond it's useful life.

Brendmoen said this is where people parked when they got vaccinated in the RiverCentre. We use it. It's important.

Tolbert moved approval.
7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

21 RES 21-1233 Authorizing the City to transfer $1,551,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to specific accounts to address staffing and Council Technology needs.

Council President Brendmoen says this includes several departments and the ability for the council to take public testimony virtually.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor of the staff for the grants.

Councilmember Yang said she is also in support.

Councilmember Tolbert said the library hours will be restored. It is exciting and well needed.

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

22 RES 21-1179 Authorizing the City to transfer $3,507,000 of American Rescue Plan funds to specific accounts to address ARP Administration and other needs to respond to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts and provide government services.

Council President Brendmoen said the intention was to withdraw it which is a culmination of the resolutions that we just read. The deputy mayor and chief finance officer and other leaders are on our call. The Council sent their priorities to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor this week. We share the values and vision for the future of this City. She withdrew Item 22.

Withdrawn

PUBLIC HEARINGS

23 RES PH 21-211 Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 4 and 25, October 9 and 30, and November 20, 2021 at 2115 Summit Avenue - O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

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
Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

24 RES PH 21-212 Approving the applications of the Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on September 18, 2021, September 25, 2021 and October 9, 2021 within the street and the beer garden area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve.
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

25 RES PH 21-213 Approving the application of Stone Saloon, SBC dba Waldmann for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26, 2021 at 445 Smith Avenue North.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.
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

26 RES PH 21-218 Approving the establishment of the Snelling Midway Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing District (a Redevelopment district) in the Saint Paul Neighborhood Redevelopment Project area and adopting a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefore (District 13, Ward 1).

Melanie McMahon, Mayor's Office, spoke. The City Council voted to establish a renewal TIF district. What is in place currently is a renewal district. This would create a redevelopment district in its place. This increased amount for affordable housing would include additional affordable housing throughout the City. This does not allocate funding or financing for developers. A developer would need a future action by the HRA. Today's action is the creation of the district.

Councilmember Thao thanked everyone. He will be in support of this. They are at a time to utilize all the tools to prepare for the growth we need for the Midway and across the City. They have this tool available to them. They talk a lot about affordable housing. This is the type of tool to do that.

Councilmember Jalali thanked people everyone and said this is about a tool to better shape more aquitable development. This will make commercial space more acceptable. This is one of many tools to have on the table. She is grateful for the explanation.

Councilmember Prince says she has big concerns about the way this came forward. We have not talked about this as a Council other than when it has come forward as part of a list of major projects moving forward in the City. They are being asked to create a tax increment district which is a major activity. In 2016, they created a TIF for the Ford site at a tune of $209 Million. For a 10 acre site is a reservation of TIF for $209 Million. This was not brought forward in a transparent manner. When she read the e-mail, it basically says this is something that HRA approved in June of last year. There is a $94 Million difference between what they approved in June and what they approved today. This is a reservation and not a commitment, but a reservation is a significant number to set. She was struck when talking about RiverCenter, that Goodman said they need to assess their Downtown we need to assess that plan, for office space, for hotel, for housing. All of which have been greatly impacted. The tax increment plan speaks of a million square feet of office space when every company is rethinking office space. Over 400,000 square feet of retail when the traditional shopping model has stood on its head in this last year of the pandemic. The creation of 4500 spaces of structured parking. The plan includes 600 housing units, 186 of which are required to be affordable.. The only thing she feels good about is it creates TIF to build affordable housing around the City. She is troubled about how this came forward. We have not done a good job about keeping the school district informed of what the tax increment plans mean to them. This is at a cost of $54 Million in future revenue to the school district. This is a school board election year. This is the kind of thing that we are airing out, talking about it. Today's a public hearing. She doesn't know if anybody had a clue about this. She called a couple of reporters and they didn't realize something like this is on the agenda. The big answer is does not commit us to any of these expenitures. It is $209 Million for a plan is something we need to be doing a market study in determining what the demand really is. This is She doubts very much if anyone Downtown knows about a million square feet of office space in Snelling-Midway. She appreciates everyone's work on this. In the interest of transparency, this should have been a bigger discussion and even involved briefings with Councilmembers.

Jaime Tincher said staff did do briefings. She takes a bit of offense at some of the accusations that were lobbied about her staff. Brendmoen responded that she will call on Tincher when its her time to talk. She agrees that there was a lot said there.

Councilmember Noecker said she shares her overall questions. As a procedural matter, we are keeping the options open. Often what happens is we take the votes.

Those unanimous votes are used as a reason why or a basis for everyone to vote in favor when they are voting for the real thing. This is a procedural option to keep it open rather than voting in support.

Brendmoen said she will be supporting this today. There is plenty of time to do the studies. They are putting down the legal requirements for this tool.

Councilmember Thao said he thanked Prince for her comment. He thought the process was very transparent. The staff worked hard on it. If any councilmembers or staff want to be part of it, he would be happy to open a spot at the table. There are a lot of different pieces moving in the City. They may feel they are not part of something, but that does not mean the work was not transparent. This is not Downtown vs. Midway. Anytime they have an opportunity to invest in Downtown, they are investing in the Midway. It was never about Downtown versus other parts of the City.

Councilmember Jalali said the cause of transparency is disserved when there is confusion or misinformation shared about the nature of the action today. It was transparent. There were staff briefing. We have an existing TIF district here. It does not approve an amount. We don't mean to imply anything otherwise. She is always talking about this site with her constituents. It is a massive site. It is potentially a most transit connected intersection possibly in the state. We have heard about it on numerous occasions. There is a lot happening in relationship to that. The work to rebuild in the unrest in the corridor. This conversation has been in the public a lot.

Councilmember Tolbert said the points have been made. This is not us opening up funds. This is an opportunity to use this as a tool. Don't expect the money. The obligation is on a potential developer. Public dollars should go to public use. Affordable housing is a public use. This is them reserving the option if the right proposal comes forward.

Councilmember Thao moved approval.
7 in favor, 1 opposed (Prince)
Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Prince

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS:

Councilmember Yang moved to adopt these items
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearings are closed and items are adopted

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

27 RLH TA 21-326 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1505 ALBANY AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

28 RLH TA 21-311 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 545 ASHLAND AVENUE, UNIT 4. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

29 RLH TA 21-336 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 794 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109)

Adopted

30 RLH TA 21-337 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 143 BAKER STREET WEST. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

31 RLH SAO 21-62 Appealing a Summary Abatement Order by Greg Post at 677 BIRMINGHAM STREET.

Adopted

34 RLH TA 21-346 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 303 CLARENCE STREET. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109)

Adopted

35 RLH TA 21-314 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 696 CONCORD STREET. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

36 RLH TA 21-324 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 764 COTTAGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

37 RLH TA 21-313 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1303 ELEANOR AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

38 RLH TA 21-350 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1223 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

39 RLH TA 21-312 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1456 HARTFORD AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

40 RLH VBR 21-53 Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice by John Mathern, 1905 Iglehart LLC, at 1899 IGLEHART AVENUE.

Adopted

41 RLH TA 21-329 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2053 IGLEHART AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109)

Adopted

42 RLH TA 21-343 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1058 JESSIE STREET. (File No. CG2102A3, Assessment No. 210108)

Adopted

43 RLH TA 21-338 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1357 JESSIE STREET. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

44 RLH TA 21-342 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2127 NORTONIA AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A3, Assessment No. 210108)

Adopted

45 RLH TA 21-339 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 47 ORANGE AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

46 RLH TA 21-340 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1014 ORANGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

47 RLH TA 21-345 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1132 ORANGE AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

48 RLH TA 21-355 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 161 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109)

Adopted

49 RLH TA 21-352 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 735 SIMON AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A3, Assessment No. 210108)

Adopted

50 RLH TA 21-358 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1489 SIXTH

STREET EAST. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109)

Adopted

51 RLH TA 21-335 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1677 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109)

Adopted

52 RLH RR 21-53 Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 1484 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST within fifteen (15) days after the August 25, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted

53 RLH VBR 21-52 Appealing a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter by Nazira Isoeva, Doston Holdings LLC, at 754 VAN BUREN AVENUE.

Adopted

54 RLH TA 21-344 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 27 WINTHROP STREET NORTH. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

56 RLH TA 21-330 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1563 YORK AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A3, Assessment No. 210108)

Adopted

Councilmember Thao moved to adopt.
7 in favor, none opposed

Items 57, 58, 59 and 60 will be read as one item, as they all pertain to "Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021." The files included are RLH AR 21-68, 21-69, 21-70 and 71. The Legislative Hearing Officer recommends adoption, as no objections were received:

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

Nay: 0

57 RLH AR 21-68 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

58 RLH AR 21-69 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021. (File No. CG2102A2, Assessment No. 210107)

Adopted

59 RLH AR 21-70 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021. (File No. CG2102A3, Assessment No. 210108)

Adopted

60 RLH AR 21-71 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109)

Adopted

Councilmember Jalali move to amend and adopt.
7 in favor, none opposed
Public hearings are closed and resolutions are adopted (as amended)

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

32 RLH RR 21-51 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 134 CASE AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the August 25, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (Legislative Hearing on August 24, 2021)

Adopted as amended (remove within 30 days with no option for rehabilitation)

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

Nay: 0

33 RLH RR 21-52 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 904 CHARLOTTE STREET within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the August 25, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted as amended (follow-up hearing to be scheduled)

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 is to continue the Public Hearing to September 15, 2021:

55 RLH RR 21-57 Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 901 YORK AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 20-32. (Legislative Hearing on August 24, 2021)

Continued Public Hearing to September 15 (Legislative Hearing will be conducted September 14, 2021)

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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