



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 3:31 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 [AO 21-58](#) Amending the 2021 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Engineering Fund Survey Section Projects accounting unit.

Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 21-59](#) Amending the 2021 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Sewers Utility Fund Sewer Maintenance accounting unit.

Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 21-60](#) Amending CDBG undesignated project budgets to reprogram unused prior year business and clearance funds to housing funds in order to assist projects that will allow the City to meet HUD spending requirements.

Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 21-61](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Moving funds from Undesignated Property Maintenance project budget to 650-658 Sherburne project and closing out unused funds from 686 Burr Street project.

Received and Filed

- 5 [AO 21-62](#) Establishing five (5) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round program as adopted via City Council Resolutions # Res 21-1437, Res 21-1445, Res 21-1574, Res 21-1590 and Res 21-1608; and the balance of one Year-Round STAR project completed under budget is being returned to the Year Round STAR Program.

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Council President Brendmoen stated that Item 16 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 6 [RES 21-1626](#) Approving the 2022 City Council meeting schedule.

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-1503](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 29 to July 23, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 16, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2204, Assessment No. 228803)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-1504](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during August 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 16, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2204B, Assessment No. 228103)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-1505](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during August 2 to 16, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for February 16, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2204, Assessment No. 228203)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 21-1506](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during June 22 to July 22, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for

February 16, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2204E, Assessment No. 228303)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 21-1565](#) Amending Civil Service Rule 14 providing promotional rights to Emergency Medical Technicians into the fire fighting group and Community Engagement Cadets into the police group.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 21-1573](#) Approving the Labor Agreement between the Independent School District 625 and AFSCME District Council 5, Local Union 844, representing Clerical and Technical employees (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022).
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 21-1580](#) Approving the adverse action against the Auto Repair license held by Duke's Cars and Towing, LLC, d/b/a Duke's Cars and Towing, for the premises located at 977 Front Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 21-1603](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$25,000 from the Minnesota State Arts Board to support the Reconnecting the North End Community Through Art project.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 21-1604](#) Approving an agreement with MnDOT related to cost participation for Capital improvements and release of right-of-way along and adjacent to I-94 and I-35E.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 21-1607](#) Reciting a proposal for a Housing Finance Program for a multifamily rental housing development; approving the project and the program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C; authorizing the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to issue conduit multifamily housing revenue obligations; and authorizing the preparation of necessary documents and materials in connection with said project and program, 520 Payne Avenue (The Hollows Apartments Project District 5, Ward 7).
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 21-1608](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for security and kitchen upgrades to Saint Paul Saloon.
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 21-1622](#) Approving the execution of the fourth amendment to the second agreement

with the RiverCentre Convention and Visitors Authority.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 21-1624](#) Authorizing agreement between the City and The Travelers Indemnity Company (acting on behalf of St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company) for use of the parking facility for police operations.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 21-1625](#) Canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City General Election held November 2, 2021.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 16 [RES 21-1605](#) Recognizing Hope for the Day's 2021 National Suicide Prevention and action awareness throughout the City.

Councilmember Yang introduced Bev Short from Hope for the Day, working towards suicide prevention.

Bev Short spoke about the importance of acknowledging suicide prevention and spoke about the work that Hope for the Day does.

Yang continued, reading from the resolution.

Councilmember Thao emphasized the importance of suicide prevention.

Council President Brendmoen spoke about the resolution as a public service announcement.

Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22 [SR 21-198](#) Update on the rent stabilization ordinance.

Council President Brendmoen provided an update on the logistics of the recently approval Rent Stabilization ordinance.

Received and filed

- 23 [RES PH 21-298](#) Authorizing a Business Subsidy for the OMG Studios. (The public hearing was closed on November 3)

Councilmember Jalali briefly reiterated points of support from the previous week.

Council President Brendmoen expressed her support for the project.

Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at three separate council meetings and becomes effective after passage by the Council and 30 days after publication in the Saint Paul Legal Ledger. Public hearings on ordinances are held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

- 24** [Ord 21-33](#) Amending Chapters 65 and 66 of the Legislative Code pertaining to homeless services facilities.
- Councilmember Noecker spoke in support of the ordinance and thanked her colleagues for their work.*
- Councilmember Jalali moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 25** [Ord 21-41](#) Amending the commercial development district known as the Schmidt Brewery Commercial Development District to remove liquor license restrictions.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 26** [Ord 21-44](#) Granting a five-year extension of the Energy Park Utility Company Franchise, held by the Port Authority, from August 1, 2036 to August 1, 2041.
- Councilmember Thao moved approval.*
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 27** [Ord 21-42](#) Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2022.
- Tim Morehead spoke about how we need to reduce waste and expressed some concerns.*
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Public hearing closed and laid over to November 17 for final adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 28** [Ord 21-45](#) Amending Chapter 64 of the Administrative Code to update deferral language, delete sewer separation references, and update assessment procedures.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Public hearing closed and laid over to November 17 for final adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 29** [Ord 21-46](#) Amending Chapter 60 of the Administrative Code to clarify hardship deferral language.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Public hearing closed and laid over to November 17 for final adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 30** [Ord 21-47](#) Amending Chapter 177, Removal of Dangerous Trees, of the Legislative Code by deleting it in its entirety and combining its provisions into Chapter 175 of the Legislative Code.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Public hearing closed and laid over to November 17 for final adoption**

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

Nay: 0

31 [Ord 21-48](#)

Amending Chapter 175A of the Legislative Code, Emerald Ash Borer Pest Insect, by deleting it in its entirety and combining its provisions into Chapter 175 of the Legislative Code.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Public hearing closed and laid over to November 17 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

32 [Ord 21-49](#)

Amending Chapter 62 of the Administrative Code to clarify hardship deferral language and other language clarification.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Public hearing closed and laid over to November 17 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

33 [Ord 21-50](#)

Amending Chapter 175 of the Legislative Code in order to combine three chapters regarding the abatement of dangerous or diseased trees into one chapter, and to clarify hardship deferral language.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Public hearing closed and laid over to November 17 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

34 [RES PH 21-307](#)

Approving the application of Podium Sports Marketing, Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Turkey Trot Saint Paul on November 25, 2021 by Shepard Road between Washington Street and Sherman Street.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 35** [RES PH 21-308](#) Approving the application of Allianz Field for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound for the Great Lawn Concert at Allianz Field on June 14, 2022 by Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 36** [RES PH 21-310](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$2,024.33 for a donation from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 37** [RES PH 21-311](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$1,127,272.73 for the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase 248 radios.

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 38** [RES PH 21-312](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department for \$10,084.47 for the reimbursement from the Minnesota Firefighter Initiative to provide training for firefighters.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 39** [RES PH 21-313](#) Setting the Solid Waste Service Fee for 2022. (Laid over from November 3.)

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Public hearing closed and laid over to December 8 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 40** [RES PH 21-314](#) Amending the redevelopment plan for the Saint Paul Neighborhood Redevelopment Project Area and approving the establishment of the 520 Payne Avenue Housing Tax Increment Financing District (The Hollows) in the Neighborhood Redevelopment Project Area and approving a tax increment financing plan therefore (District 5, Ward 7).

Councilmember Prince asked for a staff report to be given.

Jenny Wolfe gave a staff report.

Prince moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended.

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

Nay: 0

- 41** [RLH TA 21-427](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 21-74 to delete the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during August 28, 2020 to March 17, 2021 at 284 ALBERT STREET SOUTH. (File No. VB2111, Assessment No. 218817)

Adopted

- 42 [RLH OA 21-14](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Margaret A. Mindrum for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 90 CROCUS PLACE.

Adopted

- 43 [RLH VBR 21-72](#) Appeal of Dan Carlson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1154 GALTIER STREET.

Adopted

- 44 [RLH VBR 21-76](#) Amending Council File RLH VBR 21-56, adopted October 13, 2021, to grant Lialoni Hutchinsen to a Vacant Building Registration Notice an additional extension for property at 722 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 47 [RLH VO 21-45](#) Amending Council File RLH VO 21-32, adopted August 18, 2021, to grant Ann Tran, dba ATH & Weal LLC, an additional extension for property at 754 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

Adopted

- 48 [RLH OA 21-15](#) Appeal of Yevgeny Lapitsky to a Denial of a Fence Variance Request at 2383 YOUNGMAN AVENUE.

Adopted**LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS**

- 46 [RLH RR 21-41](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 864 MARION STREET in Council File RLH RR 21-2. (Public hearing closed on November 3)

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

Adopted as amended.

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

Nay: 0

- 45 [RLH FCO 21-162](#) Appeal of Robert Olsen to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 1008 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Referred to November 16 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

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