City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd Floor
651-266-8560

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

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 **3:30 PM** **Council Chambers - 3rd Floor**

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:35 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Saura Jost

Absent 2 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 AO 24-80 Amending the 2024 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Traffic Signs and Markings accounting unit for the purpose of purchasing a replacement printer.

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA
Items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. If discussion on an item is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

2 RES 24-1600 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept an in-kind donation of structural engineering design services, valued at $30,000 for the Linwood Recreation Center site improvements, donated by Encompass, Inc.

Adopted

3 RES 24-1637 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Nardos Ashenafi and April Eh as members of the Capital Improvement Budget Committee.

Adopted

4 RES 24-1638 Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during August 12 to 26, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 17, 2024 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2507R, Assessment No. 258512)

Adopted

5 RES 24-1639 Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during May 29 to July 31, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 17, 2024 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2506T, Assessment No. 258511)

Adopted

6 RES 24-1640 Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during September 4 to 6, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 17, 2024 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2508R, Assessment No. 258513)

Adopted

7 RES 24-1641 Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during August 1 to 30, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 17, 2024 and City Council public hearing for February 19, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2507T, Assessment No. 258515)

Adopted

8 RES 24-1666 Requesting a variance from Minnesota Municipal State Aid Rules for the Kellogg Boulevard Capital City Bikeway Project from W 7th Street to St. Peter Street.

Adopted

9 RES 24-1668 Authorizing the City to apply for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services 2025 Private Property Inflow & Infiltration Grant Program.

Adopted

10 RES 24-1674 Authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for a Planning Grant for the Stormwater, Wastewater, and Community Resilience program from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to help local communities assess vulnerabilities and begin planning for the effects of

Minnesota's changing climate.

Adopted

11 RES 24-1681 Accepting the gift of airfare, lodging, and meal expenses from CARESTAR for Brittney Baker to attend the conference being held in Berkley, California December 16-19, 2024.

Adopted

12 RES 24-1684 Accepting the gift of lodging from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety - State Fire Marshal Office for Fire Department employees to attend the Joint Emergency Response Training Center (JERTC) conference being held in Little Falls, MN September 24-26, 2024.

Adopted

13 RES 24-1686 Authorizing the City to acquire a temporary construction easement from the Qwest Corporation for the Kellogg Capital City Bikeway Phase 2 Project, which includes a City indemnification provision.

Adopted

14 RES 24-1690 Approving the First Amendment to Promissory Note, Pledge Agreement, Loan Agreement and Grant Agreement for a Neighborhood Star Loan to the Lower Phalen Creek Project, also known as the Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi.

Adopted

15 RES 24-1697 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Aliyah Yang and Jamesha Richards to the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission.

Adopted

16 RES 24-1702 Approving Ordinance Permit No. 20243510101 for Pedro Park Alley Paving by Parks and Recreation.

Adopted

17 RES 24-1706 Approving the Phalen Keller Regional Park Long-Range Plan Amendment.

Adopted

18 RES 24-1650 Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417 in order to provide clarification to the Plumbers and Sprinkler Fitters collective bargaining agreement relating to Appendix F for the Fire Protective Systems Inspector classification.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

19 RES PH 24-281 Amending the City's 2024 Capital Improvement Budget to allocate $6,789,929.00 of HOME-ARP funds. (Laid over from November 20, 2024)

Councilmember Bowie moved to lay over to December 11, 2024.

Council President Jalali spoke against the layover motion.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor of the layover motion.

Bowie gave additional remarks.

Councilmember Yang spoke in favor of the layover motion.

Laid over to December 11, 2024

Yea: 3 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Jost

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

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

20 Ord 24-32 Amending the gas and electric franchises granted by the City to Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation ("Company").

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Johnson

First Reading

21 Ord 24-36 Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2025 - March 31, 2025.

Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works, gave an introduction.

Sarah Haas, Solid Waste Manager in the Department of Public Works gave a staff report.

Councilmember Yang gave remarks.

Laid over to December 4, 2024 for Second Reading

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

22 Ord 24-34 Amending Chapter 324.04 of the Legislative Code to allow a Tobacco Shop or Tobacco Product Shop licensee to relocate within a Shopping Center or the Same Parcel of Property under certain circumstances. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

23 RES PH 24-285 Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to accept a $50,000 grant from the Public Finance Initiative to advance racial equity work in public finance, and amending the 2024 budget for the Office of Financial Services.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

24 RLH RR 24-46 Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 346 SHERBURNE AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-37. (Public hearing closed and laid over from November 6, 2024)

Nuisance abated and matter resolved.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: The nuisance has been abated and the matter resolved. I ask that you amend the resolution accordingly and approve.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval as amended.

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated, matter resolved)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

25 RLH SAO 24-67 Making finding on the appealed of Michael E. Corcoran to a nuisance abatement ordered for 1478 AMES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-51.

Adopted

26 RLH RR 24-36 Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 939 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-6. (Public hearing continued to November 20, 2024)

Public hearing continued to December 4, 2024

27 RLH VBR 24-67 Appeal of Shai Leibovich, BP Homes 1 LLC, and Carolyn Brown, Community Stabilization Project, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 494 EDMUND AVENUE.

Adopted

28 RLH VBR 24-66 Appeal of Shai Leibovich, BPH 3 LLC, and Carolyn Brown, Community Stabilization Project, to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 1271 MARION STREET.

Adopted

29 RLH CO 24-12 Appeal of Stephanie Bowron to a Correction Order at 1396 SARGENT AVENUE.

Adopted

30 RLH VO 24-32 Appeal of Darius Claytor to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 365 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:52 PM

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