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City Council Minutes – Final

Council President Kathy Lantry Councilmember Dan Bostrom Councilmember Amv Brendmoen Councilmember Melvin Carter III Councilmember Russ Stark Councilmember Dave Thune Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lantry at 3:30 p.m.

Present 7 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Melvin Carter III, City Council President Kathy Lantry, Councilmember Russ Stark, Councilmember Dave Thune and Councilmember Chris Tolbert

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 AO 12-31 Neighborhood STAR Year Round Awards, Clean-up and Accounting Correction.

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: 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 (Items 2 - 21)

Item 12 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Councilmember Thune moved approval of the balance of the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

2 RES 12-1643 Authorizing the Fire Department to accept a donation of \$25,000 from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation to purchase 13 LUCAS chest compression devices.

Adopted

3 RES 12-1806 Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a hazardous materials emergency response contract with the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety for the time period of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014.

Adopted

4 RES 12-1800 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a one year agreement with the Regents of the University of Minnesota, through the College of Veterinary Medicine, on behalf of Como Park Zoo and Conservatory for veterinary care services in the amount of up to \$20,000 in 2012.

Adopted

5 RES 12-1810 Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with the State Games Board to host the 2013 Star of the North Summer Games.

Adopted

Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to execute a joint powers agreement, containing an indemnification clause, with Ramsey County and other metro jurisdictions regarding efforts to implement fair housing initiatives in the Seven-County Metropolitan Area.

Adopted

7 RES 12-1816 Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a site lease agreement, which includes an indemnification clause, with the Public Housing Agency of the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

8 RES 12-1777 Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition Services in July 2012, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 20, 2012 and City Council Public Hearing for January 2, 2013 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1301C, Asmt No. 132000)

9 RES 12-1778 Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition Services in July 2012 (NON-C.D.B.G), and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 20, 2012 and City Council Public Hearing for January 2, 2013 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1302C, Asmt No. 132001)

10 RES 12-1779 Approving the City's cost of providing Boarding and/or Securing Services in June 2012, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 20, 2012 and City Council Public Hearing for January 2, 2013 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1301B, Asmt No. 138100)

Adopted

Adopted

11 RES 12-1780 Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building
Fees Services billed from March 23 to June 21, 2012, and setting date
of Legislative Hearing for November 20, 2012 and City Council Public
Hearing for January 2, 2013 to consider and levy the assessments
against individual properties. (File No. VB1302, Asmt No. 138801)

Adopted

12 RES 12-1781 Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection Services billed from May 25 to July 19, 2012, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for November 20, 2012 and City Council Public Hearing for January 2, 2013 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1301E, Asmt No. 138300)

Councilmember Thune asked that 474 Curtice be removed from the assessment roll and laid over for 4 weeks.

Adopted as amended (474 Curtice removed and laid over for 4 weeks)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

RES 12-1812 Approving a \$51,000,000 bond issue by the Port Authority for the Gerdau St. Paul mill.

Adopted

RES 12-1831 Amending RES PH 12-211, in the matter of improving Charles Avenue between Aldine Street and Park Street.

Adopted

15 RES 12-1832 Approving the revised City specifications for house drain contractors.

Adopted

16 RES 12-1835 Approving adverse action against the Massage Practitioner license application submitted by Jonathan Eric Wagner, 1053 Grand Avenue, Suite #101.

Adopted

17 RES 12-1834 Approving adverse action against the Massage Practitioner license held by Amber Romero,1030 Payne Avenue.

Adopted

RES 12-1846 Approving the use of Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Loan Program Funds for Urban Organics, a project in Ward 7.

Adopted

19 RES 12-1828 Accepting gifts of air transportation, food, and hotel costs from the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) and the Kresge Foundation for City staff to attend the Climate Leadership Academy on Adaption and Resilience, October 3 to 5, 2012.

Adopted

20 RES 12-1856 Approving the Mayor's appointments of Salina Vang, Susan Bishop, Erick Goodlow, and Andy Trcka to serve on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Adopted

21 Min 12-32 Approving the minutes of the August 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2012 City Council meetings.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

22 RLH RR 12-28 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 466 IGLEHART AVENUE within forty-five (45) days after the September 5, 2012 City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing held September 5; laid over from October 3)

Councilmember Carter moved to lay the matter over for two weeks.

Laid over to October 17

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

23 RLH RR

12-29

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 451 SELBY AVENUE within forty-five (45) days after the September 5. 2012 City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing held September 5; laid over from October 3)

Councilmember Carter moved to lay the matter over for two weeks.

Laid over to October 17

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at four 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 third reading.

Second Reading

24 Ord 12-58 Amending Chapter 34 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code to change the City's excessive consumption fee from a tiered per-event fee to a flat fee of one hundred twenty dollars (\$120).

Laid over to October 17 for third reading/public hearing

25 Ord 12-59 Amending Chapter 43 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code to increase the City's annual vacant building registration fee from one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100) to one thousand four hundred forty dollars (\$1,440).

Laid over to October 17 for third reading/public hearing

First Reading

26 Ord 12-61

Amending Chapter 293 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to the costs for sound monitoring.

Laid over to October 10 for second reading

SUSPENSION ITEMS

Council President Lantry moved suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember

Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,

Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Ord 12-71 Amending Chapters 60, 62, and 64 of the Legislative Code pertaining to nonconforming lots, uses, structures, and signs.

Council President Lantry asked for a follow-up email to Council members from Patricia James in Planning and Economic Development.

Laid over to October 10 for second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Council reconvened for public hearings at 5:31 p.m.

Present 7 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen,
Councilmember Melvin Carter III, City Council President Kathy Lantry,
Councilmember Russ Stark, Councilmember Dave Thune and
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Ord 12-44 Creating Chapter 374 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code to establish a license for commercial pedal cars.

Councilmember Thune introduced amendments. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Daphne Lundstrom, Assistant City Attorney representing the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI), reviewed the changes made in response to industry input. She said the primary ones included changing the language to refer to pedal cars rather than pedal pubs which is proprietary, adding a business license and fee, adding language around route and parking plans, and reciprocity with Minneapolis for vehicle inspections. She said there were additional minor and technical changes involving the vehicles themselves, the use of downtown routes during rush hour, and changes to the penalty matrix. She reviewed a request for changes the department had received that day and said they were not recommending the changes be implemented.

In support:

Eric Olson, co-owner of Pedal Pub, thanked Ms. Lundstrom and Christine Rozek in DSI - Licensing.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing.

Amended; public hearing held and closed; laid over to October 10 for final adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

28 Ord 12-45 Amending Chapter 310 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to the Pedal Car Driver and Pedal Car Vehicle License Fee Schedule.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to October 10 for final adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

29 Ord 12-55

Preserving the status quo and protecting the City's planning process pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 462.355, Subd. 4 pending the adoption of the Great River Passage amendment to the City's Comprehensive Plan, for that area of the City commonly known as the Island Station Power Plant.

Jody Martinez, Manager of Design and Construction for the Department of Parks and Recreation, gave a staff report on the Great River Passage Master Plan and the importance of preserving Island Station as one of only three potential public gathering places along the passage. She said a plan to demolish Island Station before the Great River Passage Master Plan could be adopted into the City's Comprehensive Plan undermined the considerable planning that had already taken place. She said adopting the ordinance would not bar development as long as it was consistent with the intended goals of the Great River Passage Master Plan. She noted that the Great River Passage Master Plan had not yet been submitted to the City Council for adoption, and the Island Station proposal could still be removed from the Great River Passage Master Plan.

Councilmember Tolbert asked whether the City had approached the owner about purchasing the property. Ms. Martinez said as part of a separate process, the Parks Service, Trust for Public Land, Riverfront Corporation, and other City staff had spoken with the owners about what was being talked about for the Passage.

In opposition:

James McLean, St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, expressed concern about the use of a moratorium at Island Station. He said they always discouraged actions which limited the rights of individual property owners, and they felt it was unnecessary in this case. He expressed hope for open dialogue and exploration of other options. He said the owner had been unsuccessful in trying to find a way to repurpose the building, and a moratorium would further delay the process.

Carol Lansing, attorney representing Breckner Riverfront Development, distributed a letter outlining the ways in which the interim ordinance was illegal. She said it exceeded the authority granted the City for adoption of interim ordinances, was discriminatory because it singled out one property, was arbitrary and capricious, and was an unconstitutional taking.

Tim Prinsen, real estate broker representing the ownership of Island Station, said millions of dollars and six years spent trying to find a developer for the property had lead to the conclusion that redevelopment was not possible with the building there. He said they were confident that something economically viable could be built if the building were taken down, but, as it stood, the property was a problem property with over 500 police calls. He said demolition of the property would make the implementation of the Great River Passage plan more likely to occur than if the building stayed.

Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to October 10 for final adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

30 Ord 12-60 Amending Chapter 4 of the Administrative Code relating to the Office of the City Clerk.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to October 10 for final adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

31 RES PH 12-293

Approving the application of McNally Smith College of Music for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on October 12, 2012 during a community event concert at the Ecolab Plaza, on Wabasha Street between 5th and 6th Streets.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

32 ABZA 12-18

Public hearing to consider the appeal of Alan Young to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approving a variance to legalize an enlarged deck in the required front yard and denying the variance request to legalize an 18-foot wide driveway in the front yard at 654 California Avenue East.

Yaya Diatta, Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) gave a staff report on the two variance applications. He said the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) had approved the setback variance for the deck but denied the variance application for an 18-foot wide driveway.

Appellant:

Alan Young (654 California Avenue E.) displayed photographs of the driveway and deck, and said the deck had passed the final inspection. He said the driveway was originally 16 feet wide, and he had sign off from neighbors on the additional width. He said they had a lot of family gatherings on weekends and there wasn't a lot of parking available. He noted the letter from District 5 supporting the variance requests.

Mrs. Young described the original driveway, and said the extra parking space was needed during snow emergencies.

Leslie McMurray, Executive Director of the District 5 Council, said District 5 supported the variances and felt the changes fit in with the character of the neighborhood.

Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Bostrom moved to grant the appeal based on the reasons outlined in District 5 approval.

Council President Lantry said the City Attorney's Office would draft appropriate language for the memorialization.

Motion of Intent - Appeal granted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

33 RES PH 12-248

Approving a parkland diversion request and granting an easement to owners of 2165 Mailand Road.

Council President Lantry thanked Parks staff for working with the property owners to get this done.

No one appeared in opposition; Council President Lantry moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bostrom

34 RES PH 12-267

Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs and expenses for the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance costs for 2011. (File No. 18428-12 Asmt No. 120199)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and
Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bostrom

35 RES PH 12-268

Final Order approving the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance for 2012. (File No. 18428-13 Asmt No. 137200)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Nay: 0

36 RES PH 12-228

Ratifying the assessment for the Prior/Goodrich Phase I paving/lighting project, constructed as part of the 2012 Residential Street Vitality Project (RSVP). (File No. 19092, Asmt No. 115137)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

37 RES PH 12-229

Ratifying the assessment for the Prior/Goodrich Phase II paving/lighting project, constructed as part of the 2012 Residential Street Vitality Project (RSVP). (File No. 19092 2012, Asmt No. 125205)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

38 RES PH 12-274

Ratifying the assessment for the construction of two parking bays and a sidewalk along the west side of Prior Avenue No. between Ferona and Oakley Ave. (File No. 19141, Asmt. No. 125401)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

39 RES PH 12-255

Final Order approving the sidewalk improvements in Ward 4 in conjunction with the Central Corridor Sidewalk Completion Project. (File: S1204 SA:125305)

Councilmember Stark said the original order was withdrawn and the item was on the agenda in error.

Withdrawn

40 **RES PH** 12-230

Ratifying the assessment for the Hewitt/Tatum paving/lighting project, constructed as part of the 2012 Residential Street Vitality Project (RSVP). (File No. 19122, Asmt No. 125202)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

41 **RES PH** 12-231

Ratifying the assessment for the Battle Creek/Upper Afton paving/lighting project, constructed as part of the 2012 Residential Street Vitality Project (RSVP). (File No. 19121, Asmt No. 125203)

No one appeared in opposition; Council President Lantry moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

42 **RES PH** 12-232

Ratifying the assessment for street reconstruction on Ruth Street between Upper Afton Road and Burns Avenue. (File No. 19106, Asmt No. 125208)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

43 **RES PH** 12-257

Ratifying the assessment costs for the 2012 Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and 2012 Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance Program. (File No. 12ROW FINAL, Asmt No. 120032)

Jack Hoeschler (1630 Edgecumbe Road) appeared on behalf of a group of downtown non-profits, a group of commercial corner-lot owners, and Dart Transit. He said assessments levied on the basis of lineal front foot do not reflect the true value of and benefit to the properties; he suggested using lot square footage. He said the system doesn't adequately catch and deal with properties; he noted that the Burlington Northern right of way is assessed in four different ways.

Ambasager Abraham (property owner at 756 Hoyt Avenue) said he doesn't have a sidewalk, and he asked for an explanation of the changes to his assessment rate. Council President Lantry referred Mr. Abraham to John Maczko from Public Works. Bill Faulkner (833 Holly Avenue) said said increases in property taxes and assessments are driving people out of St. Paul.

Lyle Puppe (2531 Nokomis Avenue) read an email he had sent to Council President Lantry and Councilmember Bostrom stating that increases in assessments and fees have not been matched by increases in income, and the City should rein in spending like citizens are. He read from and responded to Council President Lantry's reply to his original email. He said he objects to the City sending out separate statements for real estate tax, right of way, and storm sewer charges.

Eva Ng (190 Washington Street), President of Capital Business Council, said the percentage of increase is significant, especially for seniors on a fixed income. She said University Avenue businesses are already dealing with losses, and landlords can't raise rents in this economic environment. She said leaders should have empathy for those they represent.

Mike Schumann (1037 Grand Avenue) said the process is flawed, and the Right-of-Way (ROW) assessment program has become a dumping ground for all kinds of expenses the Council doesn't want to put on the general tax rolls where they belong. He said assessments exceed services performed, and services provided don't increase property value. He said the system is unfair to corner property owners and is illegal, because assessments need to be proportional to the benefits to the property owners.

Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Councilmember Stark said the Council had talked about this over a number of years and he did agree with Mr. Schumann about corner commercial properties. In response to other comments, he said spreading payments over a several years for maintenance performed every several years was preferable to having it all billed when the service was performed, and the majority of tax-paying properties benefited from having ROW billed separately because non-tax-paying properties paid the fees as well.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

44 RES PH 12-277

Ratifying the assessments for Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on private properties from May to July 2012. (File No. 1206LDSRP, Asmt No. 124005)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

45 **RES PH** 12-278

Ratifying the assessments for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on private properties from May to July 2012. (File No. SWRP1205, Asmt No. 123005)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

46 **RES PH** 12-262

Amending the financing and spending plans in the 2012 Capital Improvement Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation, for STAR grant funds in the amount of \$24,533 received for the Payne Maryland Security Camera project.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

47 **RES PH** 12-292

Approving a budget amendment to allocate an additional \$97,500 from Transit for Livable Communities to support the Cycles for Change Bike Library.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Carter moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

0 Nay:

RES PH 48 12-295

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Police Department to establish a 2012 budget in the special fund for federal grant funds received through the Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota (RES 11-2342).

No one appeared in opposition: Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,

Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION

RLH FCO Appeal of Cyrus S. Irani to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1842 **12-557** ASHLAND AVENUE.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said the appeal pertained to a large garage in considerable disrepair, and her recommendation was to order the garage removed by June 30, 2013. She said there was also one window sash that needed repair.

In opposition:

Property owner Cyrus S. Irani said there was no reason the garage should be demolished. He said there were no safety issues, and there was a strong foundation. He expressed frustration that his building had been changed to Class B after six years for irrelevant reasons. He said the window sash had been fixed. He asked for more time to save money to repair the garage. He noted that the orders did not say the garage should be demolished.

Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

In response to a question from Councilmember Stark, Ms. Moermond clarified that the orders for the garage could be addressed either by removing or repairing it. She said it was in poor condition and would get worse with time.

Councilmember Stark said based on the photographs in the file it appeared the condition was pretty bad. He said a June 30 deadline to remove or repair seemed reasonable.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

58 RLH VO Appeal of Ron Becker to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 121 COMO AVENUE.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said appeals by the occupant and property manager were denied two weeks earlier, and long term noncompliance was basically the issue. She said there was a basement fire in April 2010, and problems gaining access since then. She said the decks were unstable, and both tenants were to have moved out. She recommended upholding the Certificate of Occupancy revocation, with a vacate date of the following Monday if the property had not already been vacated.

In opposition:

Property owner Ron Becker distributed handouts and said he'd had a rough couple of years, but everything on the orders had been done, under permit and inspected. He displayed photographs and reviewed the items that were completed. He said the downstairs tenant was out, and the upstairs tenant had belongings there and was in and out. He asked the Council to refer the address back for another inspection.

Councilmember Carter moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Ms. Moermond said the permits were finalled on September 28, but an interior inspection was still needed. She said the options were to order the property vacated and start from the beginning or allow a length of time for the Certificate of Occupancy to be reinstated.

Councilmember Carter said given the circumstances it seemed appropriate to take another look at the building interior. He moved a one month layover.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to November 7

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

64 RLH TA 12-445

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A1, Assessment No. 128535 at 845 EDGERTON STREET.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond asked to refer the matter back for a Legislative Hearing on October 16 and continue the Council public hearing to November 7.

Referred to Legislative Hearings on October 16; Council public hearing continued to November 7

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

75 RLH VO 12-88

Appeal of Michael R. Hulke, on behalf of Agnes M. Hulke, to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate plus Summary Abatement Order at 1915 IVY AVENUE EAST.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said this was an issue of hoarding of both material and animals. She displayed photographs, and said she had ordered immediate vacation. She recommended denying the appeal and referring the property to vacant buildings. She said an inspector had checked the exterior that day and noted a large amount of material on the porch and visible inside.

In opposition:

Appellant Michael Hulke said he lived at the property and cared for his mother. He said he was working on cleaning it up with help from his family, but needed more time. He apologized and said he never should have let it go this long.

Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Bostrom said he couldn't in good conscience allow occupation to continue; he moved to adopt the recommendation of the Legislative Hearing Officer.

Nay: 0

77 RLH VO 12-80

Appeal of John G. Westrick, attorney for Eric C. Sneeve and Charlene S. Moore-Sneve, to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate 1304 JUNO AVENUE. (To be referred back to 10/16/12 Legislative Hearing and City Council public hearing continued to 11/7/12)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Tolbert moved to continue the public hearing to November 7.

Referred to Legislative Hearings on October 16; Council public hearing continued to November 7

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

84 RLH TA 12-164

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1207A1, Assessment No. 128520 at 559 MCKNIGHT ROAD SOUTH. (Public hearing continued from May 2) (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on December 18, 2012 and City Council public hearing on January 16, 2013)

No one appeared in opposition; Council President Lantry moved to continue the public hearing to January 16, 2013.

Referred to Legislative Hearings on December 18; Council public hearing continued to January 16, 2013

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

90 RLH TA 12-441

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1210, Assessment No. 128816 at 719 PAYNE AVENUE. (Public hearing continued from October 3)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Bostrom moved to continue the public hearing to October 17.

Public hearing continued to October 17

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

102 RLH TA 12-450

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1210A Assessment No. 128821 at 2023 STILLWATER AVENUE. (Public hearing held October 3)

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said if the work was complete and permits finalled she would recommend that the fee be prorated.

In opposition:

Property owner David Schell expressed frustration about a number of issues related to the rehabilitation of the property. He said he had built 50 houses in St. Paul but no longer had an active licensed and had to work with a contractor on this property. He said he'd had trouble getting permits and gotten misinformation from the building inspector about the vacant building fee.

Ms. Moermond said they had talked about an October 17 deadline, so there was still some time.

In response to a questions from Council President Lantry, Mr. Schell said he needed a couple of months to complete the work and he was not occupying the property.

Council President Lantry moved to close the public hearing and lay the matter over to October 17 so Mr. Schell could work with Ms. Moermond to develop a timeline for completing the work.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to October 17

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

103 RLH RR 12-31

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 702 THIRD STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the July 3, 2012 City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing continued from August 15) (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on October 23, 2012 and City Council public hearing on November 7, 2012)

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said Jim Erchul of Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services had been working with the property owner to facilitate a short sale, but the property owner's sister, who had been making the mortgage payments, wanted to rehabilitate the property. She said she hoped the disagreement did not result in the building being torn down, and she recommended continuing the public hearing to allow time for the short sale to take place and Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services to intervene. She noted that it was a very long term problem property.

Property owner Charles DeLisi (2060 Wilson Avenue, Apt. 2) described circumstances that had lead to delays in the short sale.

Joanne Tyler (840 Lake Street) said she and her husband had experience rehabilitating vacant properties and wanted to fix the property up. She said she had been making the payments all along and wanted to move forward.

Council President Lantry moved to close the public hearing and lay the matter over to November 7.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to November 7

Nay: 0

107 RLH TA 12-455

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 530 THOMAS AVENUE.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said the assessment was in two parts: one for tall grass and weeds and one for a cleanup. She said the appellant questioned whether there had been notification for the cleanup, but the City had met notification requirements. She said the City had conducted the cleanup, and she showed photographs documenting conditions at the property. She recommended approval of the \$746 in assessments with payments spread over five years.

In opposition:

Property owner Chong Lor said he disagreed with the assessment for a couple of reasons. He said he had done a complete cleanup and remodel of the property, but acknowledged that he had not gotten to the grass in the alley parking area. He said the other items were there for him to haul away with his truck but they were taken by the City before he had a chance. He said six letters were supposedly sent out but he didn't receive any. He said the only letter he received was the final tax bill in August, and he had received the gold card but not the bills the inspector told him he'd be receiving. He said he was willing to pay half, but didn't think it took four hours for the City to do the cleanup.

Councilmember Carter moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

In response to questions from Councilmember Carter, Ms. Moermond reviewed the addresses where notifications were sent, and the additional fees included in the assessment besides the hourly rate.

Councilmember Carter said he was sympathetic, but the City did the cleanup and had incurred the fees. He moved approval.

Adopted as amended (assessment approved and payments spread over five years)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

114 RLH VBR 12-60

Appeal of Arjo Adams to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 676 WELLS STREET.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond said her revised recommendation was to waive the Vacant Building fee and Code Compliance Inspection fee until April 1, 2013, conditioned upon a new Code Compliance Inspection being requested and conducted.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution as amended.

Adopted as amended (code compliance inspection fee and vacant building fee waived until April 1, 2013)

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Items listed under the Consent Agenda will receive a combined public hearing and be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing and discussion if desired.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

49	RLH FCO 12-542	Appeal of Joseph Kummer, Buy Rite Properties, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1060 ARCADE STREET. Adopted
51	RLH TA 12-460	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1210B Assessment No. 128111 at 1010 BAYLESS AVENUE. Adopted
52	RLH TA 12-465	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 432 BEACON AVENUE. Adopted
53	RLH TA 12-481	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 512 BLAIR AVENUE. Adopted
54	RLH TA 12-454	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 2041 CALIFORNIA AVENUE EAST. Adopted
55	RLH TA 12-443	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 929 CASE AVENUE. Adopted

56	RLH TA 12-480	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1211, Assessment No. 128214 at 971 CASE AVENUE. Adopted
57	RLH FCO 12-503	Appeal of Alan L. Peterson to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 1010-1012 CASE AVENUE. Adopted
59	RLH TA 12-449	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 716 COMO AVENUE. Adopted
60	RLH FCO 12-544	Appeal of AKP Investments LLC to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 775 COOK AVENUE EAST. Adopted
61	RLH TA 12-502	Amending Council File RLH AR 12-91 to delete the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Fees Services provided in April 2012 at 474 CURTICE STREET EAST. (File No. VB1209A, 128820) Adopted
62	RLH TA 12-503	Amending Council File RLH AR 12-94 to delete the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection Services from February 22 to April 5, 2012 at 474 CURTICE STREET EAST. (File No. J1207E1, Assessment No. 128312) Adopted
63	RLH TA 12-469	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A Assessment No. 128524 at 1171 DAYTON AVENUE. Adopted
65	RLH RR 12-50	Ordering the razing and removal of the structure(s) at 924 ELEANOR AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the August 1, 2012 City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing continued from September 12) Adopted
66	RLH TA 12-468	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1210 Assessment No. 128816 at 1128 FOREST STREET. Adopted

67	RLH FCO 12-527	Appeal of Hong Yang to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice and Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection at 1711 FREMONT AVENUE. Adopted
68	RLH TA 12-452	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1210 Assessment No. 128816 at 82 FRONT AVENUE. Adopted
69	RLH TA 12-453	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A Assessment No. 128524 at 82 FRONT AVENUE. Adopted
70	RLH TA 12-462	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1211, Assessment No. 128214 at 809 FULLER AVENUE. Adopted
71	RLH RR 11-96	Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 869 FULLER AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012 City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing continued from September 5) Adopted
72	RLH TA 12-477	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1210 Assessment No. 128816 at 981 FULLER AVENUE. Adopted
73	RLH TA 12-438	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 1024 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. Adopted
74	RLH TA 12-439	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1211G, Assessment No. 128712 at 1024 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. Adopted
76	RLH TA 12-488	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 864-866 JESSIE STREET. Adopted

78	RLH TA 12-448	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128525 at 398 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. Adopted
79	RLH TA 12-444	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 695 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. Adopted
80	RLH TA 12-474	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 1000 MARGARET STREET. Adopted
81	RLH TA 12-442	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1211G, Assessment No. 128712 at 1385 MARGARET STREET. Adopted
82	RLH FCO 12-543	Appeal of Keary Maloney to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1098 MARION STREET. Adopted
83	RLH FCO 12-520	Appeal of Brandon Folson to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection at 275 MCKNIGHT ROAD SOUTH. Adopted
85	RLH VBR 12-61	Appeal of Rhett McSweeney, Traditions SP Land LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1554 MIDWAY PARKWAY. Adopted
86	RLH TA 12-440	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 288 MORTON STREET EAST. Adopted
87	RLH TA 12-463	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1210B, Assessment No. 128111 at 1202 PACIFIC STREET. Adopted
88	RLH TA 12-478	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 448 PAGE STREET EAST. Adopted

89	RLH TA 12-475	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 591 PAYNE AVENUE. Adopted
91	RLH TA 12-459	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1210B, Assessment No. 128111 at 159 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST. Adopted
92	RLH TA 12-476	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 715 PLUM STREET. Adopted
93	RLH TA 12-451	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1210 Assessment No. 128816 at 1311 REANEY AVENUE. Adopted
94	RLH VO 12-90	Appeal of Omobolaji Shadrack to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection at 606 ROBERT STREET SOUTH (includes condemnation). Adopted
95	RLH FCO 12-497	Appeal of Roxanne W. Larsen to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Approval With Corrections at 684 ROSE AVENUE EAST. Adopted
96	RLH TA 12-447	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 2040 SAUNDERS AVENUE. Adopted
97	RLH TA 12-501	Amending Council File RLH AR 12-86 to delete the assessment for Graffiti Removal Services from March 25 to April 4, 2012 at 782 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J1209P, Assessment No. 128408) Adopted
98	RLH TA 12-458	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1210B Assessment No. 128111 at 1157 SHERBURNE AVENUE. Adopted
99	RLH VBR 12-64	Appeal of Barry Tanner to a Vacant Building Classification at 857 SIXTH STREET EAST. Adopted

100	RLH TA 12-446	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 114 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH.
101	RLH FCO 12-528	Appeal of Robert W. Orth to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 812 STEWART AVENUE. Adopted
104	RLH TA 12-492	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1210, Assessment No. 128816 at 926 THIRD STREET EAST. Adopted
105	RLH FCO 12-525	Appeal of Faith Ann Lowell, on behalf of Faith Miriom Lowell (mother), to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection at 1813 THIRD STREET EAST. Adopted
106	RLH TA 12-464	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No.128524 at 1975 THIRD STREET EAST. Adopted
108	RLH TA 12-467	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1211, Assessment No. 128214 at 741 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. Adopted
109	RLH TA 12-461	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1211, Assessment No. 128214 at 1190 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. Adopted
110	RLH FCO 12-536	Appeal of Leslie K. Lucht to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 674 VAN BUREN AVENUE. Adopted
111	RLH FCO 12-537	Appeal of Leslie K. Lucht to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 681 VAN BUREN AVENUE. Adopted
112	RLH FCO 12-533	Appeal of Leslie K. Lucht to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 685 VAN BUREN AVENUE. Adopted

113	RLH RR 12-69	Ordering the razing and removal of the structure(s) at 767 WATERLOO STREET within ninety (90) days after the October 3, 2012 City Council Public Hearing. Adopted
115	RLH TA 12-437	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524 at 942 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. Adopted
116	RLH VBR 12-63	Appeal of Jason MacDonald, Harvester Investors, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice & Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 100 WINIFRED STREET WEST. Adopted
117	RLH AR 12-100	Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Fees Services provided in May 2012. (File No. VB1210, Assessment No. 128816) Adopted
118	RLH AR 12-101	Ratifying the assessments for Boarding and/or Securing Services provided in May 2012. (File No. J1210B, Assessment No. 128111) Adopted
119	RLH AR 12-102	Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Certificate of Occupancy Fees Services provided in June 2012. (File No. CRT1211, Assessment No. 128214)
120	RLH AR 12-103	Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up Services provided in June 2012. (File No. J1213A, Assessment No. 128524) Adopted
121	RLH AR 12-104	Ratifying Trash Hauling Services during June 2012 (File No. J1211G, Assessment No. 128712). Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Brendmoen moved adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Carter III, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert