City of Saint Paul

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City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

Council President Russ Stark
Councilmember Dan Bostrom
Councilmember Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 **3:30 PM** **Council Chambers - 3rd Floor**

ROLL CALL

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

Council President Stark excused

Present 5 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Absent 2 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom and City Council President Russ Stark

Councilmember Bostrom arrived after roll call.

Present 6 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Absent 1 - City Council President Russ Stark

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 **AO 16-45** Amending the 2016 General Government Accounts spending budget.

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

Item 8 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Councilmember Prince moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

2 **RES 16-807** Supporting the addition of a second daily Amtrak train between St. Paul and Chicago.

Adopted

3 **RES 16-814** Accepting the gift of the cost of airfare, lodging, and transportation from MetroLab Network for Matt Larson, Innovation Manager, to attend the MetroLab Network Spring Summit.

Adopted

4 **RES 16-751** Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with Century College to provide Man vs. Machinery training for firefighters June 11, 2016.

Adopted

5 **RES 16-757** Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with Century College to provide Firefighter Cancer Awareness training May 5 through June 6, 2016.

Adopted

6 **RES 16-753** Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2017) between the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Police Federation.

Laid over to May 18 for adoption

7 **RES 16-754** Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2017) between the City of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Supervisors' Organization.

Adopted

9 **RES 16-787** Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Ramsey County, Urgent Care for Adult Mental Health.

Adopted

10 **RES 16-750** Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to accept funds from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia for Jonathan Sage-Martinson to speak at a Gentrification Symposium in Philadelphia on May 25, 2016.

Adopted

11 **RES 16-811** Accepting the gift of travel, food, and lodging expenses for Peter Grafstrom to attend the Education Policy Advisors Network (E-PAN) Convening hosted by the National League of Cities.

Adopted

12 **RES 16-783** Approving adverse action against all licenses held by Mee Lee Moua, d/b/a Malina's Sports Bar and Grill at 691 Dale Street North.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

8 **RES 16-816** Committing to the African American Leadership Forum Five-Point Plan to End Economic Inequality.

Councilmember Prince acknowledged the press conference that had taken place with Mayor Coleman prior to the Council meeting. She thanked the guests for bringing the item forward. She moved approval of the resolution.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

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.

Final Adoption

13 **Ord 16-11** Amending Appendix G of the Legislative Code granting a five-year and five-month extension of the Energy Park Utility Company Franchise, held by the Saint Paul Port Authority, from February 28, 2031 to August 1, 2036 and to delete obsolete language regarding requirements that have been fulfilled.

Council Secretary Shari Moore said the item had to be laid over to June 22 for final adoption.

Councilmember Bostrom moved to lay the matter over to June 22.

Laid over to June 22 for adoption

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

Second Reading

14 **Ord 16-12** Granting the application of the Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority to rezone its property at 952 Farrington Street from B2 Community Business to T2 Traditional Neighborhood, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Saint Paul zoning map.

Laid over to May 18 for third reading/public hearing

SUSPENSION ITEMS

Councilmember Noecker moved suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

SR 16-40 Follow-up report from the Fire Department.

Deputy Mayor Kristin Beckmann said she had sent an email to the Council on May 4 in response to Councilmember Bostrom's request to hear from Chief Butler by that date on a suggestion made during a policy session related to Super Medic staffing at Station 5. She said the proposal Chief Butler submitted to the administration hadn't been vetted through Finance or Labor Management, and given those circumstances, they were not ready to bring forward a proposal. She said a process had been identified with meetings including the Council, Finance, and Labor Management; and two of three meetings had been scheduled. She said the hope was that the meetings would result in a proposal that everyone was bought into.

Councilmember Bostrom said he didn't want to lose sight of the fact that it was an issue of serving the public, and not a just a labor issue or a management issue. He asked whether a drop dead date could be set. Ms. Beckmann said they were waiting for a response from Councilmember Bostrom's office to get the third meeting scheduled. She said if that could be done in the first week of June, they could come back before the Council as soon as the second or third week in June, depending on whether the Council wanted it on a public hearing date. Councilmember Bostrom said the third week of June was fine. he said he wanted to make sure this got done and got done right and that everybody could live with what was being proposed.

Councilmember Tolbert said this would involve a budget amendment which would take time. Councilmember Bostrom said at least they had to have the first recommendation brought back to the Council.

Ms. Beckmann said the direction was for Fire to find a solution within the existing budget, and their goal was to not have a budget amendment. If that was not possible they would have to figure out if there was a budget amendment now or build it into the next budget.

Councilmember Brendmoen said she appreciated that the administration was looking at the issue in a holistic way and getting all the parties at the table. She said she felt that was worth the extension of time. Ms. Beckmann said she appreciated that feedback because this was not something they had done before. She said it was a big enough problem that they needed everybody in the room.

Councilmember Tolbert said he appreciated the process and felt the administration should be able to figure it out within their existing budget. He said it was a huge budget and passed not all that long ago.

Laid over to June 15

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

Councilmember Brendmoen moved suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

RES 16-833 Supporting the Minnesotans for Paid Family Leave Act.

Councilmember Brendmoen read the resolution.

Councilmember Thao made brief comments, and moved approval of the resolution.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

Councilmember Thao moved suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

RES 16-861 Proclaiming May 14 as Hmong American Day.

Councilmember Thao made brief comments, read the resolution, and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

Councilmember Bostrom moved suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

RES 16-862 Amending RES 16-202 to extend the timeline regarding Earned Safe and Sick Time.

Council members Tolbert, Brendmoen, and Noecker commented. Councilmember Brendmoen moved approval of the resolution.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - City Council President Stark

Council members shared good news from their wards.

Councilmember Bostrom said he had read an article about additional lawsuits filed in a police inquiry, with a potential lawsuit for over $200 million, and he requested additional information from the administration. Councilmember Tolbert said it was pending litigation and he suspected the City Attorney's Office would not want to come speak about it. Councilmember Bostrom said he wasn't asking for details but felt the Council should have a little explanation as to how the City would potentially respond to something like this.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Vice President Tolbert moved adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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