

City Hall and Court House 15 West Kellogg Boulevard

City of Saint Paul

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

City Council Meeting Minutes - Final

651-266-8560

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

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

10:00 AM

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ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Brendmoen.

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao,

Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince,

Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Absent 1 - Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Councilmember Tolbert arrived after roll call.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1 Ord 20-15 Creating Chapter 190 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code entitled

"Prohibition of Conversion Therapy Directed to Minors."

Council President Brendmoen reviewed the procedure for providing public input.

Public testimony in support of the ordinance:

Michelle Barr, therapist in private practice in Scott County, volunteer for OutFront, and board member at Aliveness

Monica Meyer, Executive Director of OutFront-Minnesota, spoke in support of the ban on conversion therapy.

Dr. Andy Johnson (Shoreview), associate professor of psychology at Bethel University in Arden Hills

Roy Miller (Minneapolis) spoke in support of the ban on conversion therapy.

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

Public hearing closed; laid over to June 17 at 3:30 p.m. for final adoption.

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Brendmoen adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned

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