



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

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, October 14, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

Councilmember Noecker removed Item 7 for separate consideration.
6 in favor, none opposed
Consent Agenda is adopted as amended

The meeting was called to order at approx. 3:35 p.m.

Present 6 - Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang
Absent 1 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 20-67](#) Mayor's Executive Order 20-28.
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

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 2 [RES 20-1193](#) Approving a 2020 Cultural Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) award to Springboard for the Arts for an Emergency Relief Fund for Saint Paul artists.
Adopted
- 3 [RES 20-1329](#) Authorizing a reduction to the Lancer Food Holdings, LLC's contractual payment to the City for the period July 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.
Adopted
- 4 [RES 20-1348](#) Setting a Public Hearing date of November 4, 2020 for 2021 Water Charges.

Adopted
- 5 [RES 20-1363](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for, and if awarded, accept funds from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs in an amount of up to \$155,000 for budget and program year 2020.

Adopted
- 6 [RES 20-1365](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for, and if awarded, accept funds from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, for the Right Track youth employment program, in an amount of up to \$20,000 for budget and program year 2020.

Adopted
- 8 [RES 20-1413](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Nieeta Presley to the Planning Commission.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 20-1414](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Phasoua Vang to serve on the Saint Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN) Board of Directors.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 20-1415](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of David Ybarra to a three-year term on the District Energy Board of Directors.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 20-1425](#) Correcting RES 17-1972 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Patrick McQuillan to serve on the Capital Improvement Budget Committee with a term expiration date of November 15, 2020.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 20-1426](#) Correcting RES 17-189 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Darren Tobolt to serve on the Capital Improvement Budget Committee with a term expiration date of November 15, 2020.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 20-1274](#) Approving the Labor Agreement between the Independent School District 625 and the Minnesota Teamsters Local 320 representing the Nutrition Services Personnel (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021).

Adopted

- 14 [RES 20-1311](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 20-1337](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for seniority purposes, including the job transfer bid system, between the City of Saint Paul and Fire Fighters Local 21.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 20-1416](#) 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, Fairview Avenue & University Avenue (Fairview & University Project District 11, Ward 4).

Adopted

- 17 [RES 20-1341](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for the 2020 Street Maintenance Service Program. (File No. 2020SMSP, Assessment No. 200025)

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 7 [RES 20-1399](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Pang Vang, Samuel Peterson, Mai T Ly, Rick Varco, Diana Tastad-Damer, Kera Peterson, Courtney Blomquist, Stephanie Willing, Nicole Parsch, Yao Yang, Carlos Oliverra, Sheigh Freeburg, Alanna Galloway, and Scott Johnson to the Labor Standards Advisory Committee.

Vice President Noecker said she wanted to call this one out because this labor standard advisory committee was something the Council created. She wanted to acknowledge it. She moved approval.

Councilmember Prince said she just wanted to say ditto. They are able to hear directly from practitioners in the community, how its working, how outreach is working. There is a lot of heavy lifting in the labor standards area. Minneapolis also has a board like this, and they would be willing to share some of their lessons getting this up and

running.

6 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 18** [RES 20-1439](#) Recognizing the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Saint Paul

Councilmember Prince said indigenous peoples day has passed but she wanted to honor this by way of resolution. (She read the resolution.)

Prince moved approval.

Councilmember Jalali expressed her appreciation also.

Vice President Noecker said ditto to the comments.

6 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

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.

(No ordinances)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 19** [RES PH 20-223](#) Providing standards for redistricting of wards in 2021.

Joe Mansky appeared. Next year will begin the redistricting process in Minnesota. The Legislature has the first shot at this. When they are done, the Charter Commission will do a new ward plan for the next 10 years. There has been considerable population growth in Saint Paul. The resolution has standards that can be used by the Charter Commission. Building into that, the history of what the

supreme court and Minnesota Courts have seen as appropriate: population equality, compactness of district, congruity, recognition of communities of interest, dealing with issues like recognition of the groups in the voting rights act. These have all been incorporated into this resolution. Depending on what happens on election day, that activity will conclude at the end of 2021 or 2022. It is probably the time schedule that we are looking at for adoption of a new ward plan.

Vice President Noecker thanked him for educating us. He has done briefings with the Councilmembers.

Shari Moore, City clerk, said this was a public hearing and we took comments online and by phone.

Councilmember Prince thanked Mansky for his work and guidance.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 20** [RES PH 20-219](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$78,257.86 for the Minnesota Task Force One team reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Councilmember Noecker said comments were accepted by phone and e-mail.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 21** [RES PH 20-221](#) Amending the spending and financing plans for the Saint Paul RiverCentre Convention and Visitors Authority. (to be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 22** [RES PH 20-213](#) Amending the spending and financing plans for various city departments. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 23 [RES PH 20-217](#) Amending the 2020 budget by adding the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Vice President Noecker said comments were accepted by phone and e-mail.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 24 [RES PH 20-224](#) Amending the redevelopment plan for the Ford Site Redevelopment Project Area and approving the adoption of a second amendment to the tax increment financing plan for the Ford Site Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing District (District 15, Ward 3).

Vice President Noecker said comments were accepted by phone and e-mail.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38

Councilmember Prince moved to adopt.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearings are closed and the resolutions are adopted

For the following items, no objections to the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendations were received and, therefore, she recommends adoption.

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 25** [RLH VO 20-47](#) Appeal of Natosha Carney to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection at 1544 BEECH STREET.
- Adopted**
- 27** [RLH FCO 20-132](#) Appeal of Mike Bertrand to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 935 FOREST STREET.
- Adopted**
- 28** [RLH TA 20-546](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 181 FRONT AVENUE. (File No. VB2013, Assessment No. 208815)
- Adopted**
- 30** [RLH TA 20-537](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 585 JEFFERSON AVENUE. (File No. VB2013, Assessment No. 208815)
- Adopted**
- 31** [RLH VBR 20-63](#) Appeal of Gustavo Hernandez De La Cruz to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1235 MARGARET STREET.
- Adopted**
- 32** [RLH SAO 20-22](#) Appeal of Felipe Izumi to a Summary Abatement Order at 1908 ROBLYN AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 34** [RLH VO 20-42](#) Appeal of Alex Delendik, CTW Group, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 609 SIMS AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 35** [RLH TA 20-534](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 178 WHEELLOCK PARKWAY WEST. (File No. CRT2013, Assessment No. 208212)
- Adopted**
- 36** [RLH AR 20-125](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during September 24, 2019 to April 17, 2020. (File No. VB2013, Assessment No. 208815)
- Adopted**

- 37 [RLH AR 20-126](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during March 23 to April 17, 2020. (File No. CRT2013, Assessment No. 208212)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH AR 20-127](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during March 23 to April 21, 2020. (File No. J2013E, Assessment No. 208319)

Adopted

For the following items, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendation was received and, therefore, she recommends amendment and adoption of the items.

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 29 [RLH TA 20-525](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 171 GRANITE STREET. (File No. VB2012, Assessment No. 208814) (Public Hearing continued to October 14, 2020)

Councilmember Yang moved to amend and adopt.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted as amended

Adopted as amended (payment spread over a 5 year period)

- 33 [RLH RR 20-40](#) Granting a potential stay of enforcement of demolition for Amazing Homes Ecclesia LLC, represented by Michael Aderinkomi, for property at 1179 SEVENTH STREET EAST.

Councilmember Yang moved to amend and adopt.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearings is closed and resolution is adopted as amended

Adopted as amended (enforcement stayed until January 1, 2021)

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is contested and additional testimony from the appellant is in the record.

- 26 [RLH TA 20-542](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1692 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2013, Assessment No. 208815)

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, said this is a vacant building fee. It had a fire in 2019. It has been a long-term problem property. Before the fire occurred, there was no change and now the rehab is underway. It does not look like the problem will be done in the near future. They think they should get a standard waiver for their client.

Councilmember Jalali moved to adopt the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation.

*6 in favor, none opposed
Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted*

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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