



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

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, February 24, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Please see the meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 2 [CO 21-22](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-8.
 Received and Filed
- 1 [AO 21-10](#) Amending CDBG projects budget.
 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

Adopted Consent Agenda

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [Min 21-7](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2020.
 Adopted

- 4 [RES 21-128](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during December 1 to 14, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 16, 2021 and City Council public hearing for April 28, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2113A, Assessment No. 218512)
Adopted
- 5 [RES 21-129](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during December 14 to 31, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 16, 2021 and City Council public hearing for April 28, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2114A, Assessment No. 218513)
Adopted
- 6 [RES 21-135](#) Authorizing the City to enter into cooperative agreement PUBW2021-01 with Ramsey County for the construction of Traffic Signal System Improvements.

Adopted
- 7 [RES 21-170](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$2,006,978 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to purchase 275 portable radios and provide cardiac and cancer screenings for firefighters.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 21-286](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2020 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in the amount of \$173,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide fire investigation training and equipment and health and wellness programs for firefighters including peer support, peer fitness, and cancer task force.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 21-231](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and, if awarded, accept funds from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, in an amount of up to \$850,000 a year for two years.

Adopted
- 10 [RES 21-234](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and, if awarded, accept funds from the F.R. Bigelow Foundation for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, in an amount of up to \$20,000 for program year 2021.

Adopted
- 11 [RES 21-247](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and, if awarded, accept funds from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, in an amount of up to \$60,000 for program year 2021.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 21-248](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to be named as a subgrantee of Saint Paul Public Schools application to the United States Department of Agriculture and, if awarded, accept funds from Saint Paul Public Schools for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, in an amount of up to \$20,000 for summer program years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 21-261](#) Authorizing the Horticulture Department at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory to apply for a grant of up to \$400 from the Mid-America Orchid Congress and, if awarded, accept it for the purchase of orchid plants in the year 2021.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 21-237](#) Authorizing the City enter into an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) for the Kellogg/Third Street Bridge Project.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 21-262](#) Authorizing using a Project Labor Agreement for the 2021 Citywide Sidewalk Contract, Downtown Brick Removal, Griggs-Scheffer Paving Project Phase 2, Hamline Avenue Mill and Overlay, Pelham Boulevard Bump-Outs, Saint Paul and Jefferson Avenue Pedestrian Improvements, Eastbound Kellogg Boulevard Bridge and Kellogg-Third Street Bridge, and authorizing not using a Project Labor Agreement on the Bancroft Stairs and Arterial Corridor Management.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 21-272](#) Memorializing the City Council's decision denying an appeal from a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve zoning variances requested to construct a new triplex on a lot that with an existing triplex on property commonly known as 542 Portland Avenue.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 21-277](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into the Interlocal Agreement with Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood for the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 21-212](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for a Wine On Sale, and Malt On Sale (Strong) licenses, for Taco N Madre Taqueria Y Cevicheria LLC (License ID # 20200002591), d/b/a same, at 63 Winifred Street West.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 19 [SR 21-25](#) Presentation regarding preparations in case of future unrest.
- Deputy Chief Stacy Murphy gave a presentation to the Council.*
- Received and Filed**
- 20 [RES 21-257](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Roxanne Draughn and Walter Battle to a four-year term on the Neighborhood STAR Board. (Laid over from February 24)
- Councilmember Thao said he would request another one-week layover to further explore this.*
- 7 in favor, none opposed*
- Laid over to March 3*
- Laid Over**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- 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.

Final Adoption

- 21 [Ord 21-7](#) Amending and replacing ordinance CF10-779 and authorizing the issuance of general obligation library refunding bonds of the Public Library Agency in order to achieve debt service savings.
- Councilmember Prince moved approval.*
- 7 in favor, none opposed*
- Ordinance is adopted*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

Second Reading

- 22 [Ord 21-4](#) Amending the zoning code as recommended in the Definition of Family Zoning

Study.

Laid Over to Third Reading/Public Hearing

23 [Ord 21-6](#)

Amending Chapter 366A of the Legislative Code entitled "Parades, Races and Public Assemblies" to prohibit possession of certain items at such events.
(To be withdrawn)

Councilmember Noecker said there is a lot of feedback. Many of us heard this would hamper their ability to provide events in this neighborhood. There is an amended version—Version 2—that will be put in for next week. It incorporated most of the feedback we have received.

Councilmember Jalali said her office has received a lot of concerns about this ordinance. Any amendment would resolve first amendment concerns. Doesn't support the ordinance overall.

Council President Brendmoen said there is no amendment at this time. They didn't have time to get it into the system. Folks should have an opportunity to look at it before next week's public hearing. She was getting updates today on e-mail.

This is laid over to March 3 for 3rd reading/public hearing

Laid Over to Third Reading/Public Hearing

24 [Ord 21-8](#)

Granting the application of 2069 Marshall Ave LLC to rezone property at 2069 Marshall Avenue from T2 Traditional Neighborhood to T3 Traditional Neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid Over to Third Reading/Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS

25 [RES PH 21-61](#)

Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$175,440.65 to utilize Parkland Dedication funds for the Westgate Park creation project.

Council President Brendmoen said they have taken testimony over the phone and by e-mail.

Councilmember Jalali move to close the public hearing and approve.

Jalali thanked Parks for working with the community. This will be an important new space for families. It has mixed income housing all throughout. Sometimes we look at park access only geographically.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

26 [RES PH 21-19](#)

Accepting a Competitive Equity Grant from the Metropolitan Council, amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$154,255 for environmental services, exhibits, public art, and architect services for the Wakan Tipi Center project at the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, and entering into a grant agreement, which includes an indemnification clause.

Council President Brendmoen says this is a public hearing and we have taken testimony electronically.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

27 [RES PH 21-29](#)

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Emergency Management for the 2020 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant.

Council President Brendmoen says it is a public hearing, we have taken testimony electronically.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

28 [RES PH 21-33](#)

Authorizing Police and Emergency Management Departments to accept a grant in the amount of \$783,119 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA for the Port Security Grant Program.

Council President Brendmoen says it is a public hearing. We have taken testimony electronically.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

29 [RES PH 21-36](#)

Authorizing the City to accept \$9,222,640 in Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Funds; amend the 2021 budget to incorporate the funds; exercise the Joint Powers with City of Minneapolis, Dakota County, Hennepin County, and Ramsey County to carry out a Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Rental Assistance Landlord Application Program; approve program guidelines; and execute the necessary agreements.

Council President Brendmoen said she thought it would be helpful to have Schuchman from Planning and Economic Development (PED) for a quick summary.

Kayla Schuchman, PED, appeared and said they are requesting authorizing for the City to accept federal emergency rental assistance funds, approval of a budget action to accept the funds, approval for joint powers agreement to carry out collaborative assistance landlord program, and to approve program guidelines. On December 27, 2020, there was a federal law passed for assistance to rental households who are at risk of financial hardship due to COVID. 45% to local jurisdictions with populations over 200,000 people, and these jurisdictions include Minneapolis and Saint Paul and several counties. The City was certified to accept the \$9.2 Million, and we have received the dollars. The State of Minnesota and the other jurisdictions have received the funds directly. (She spoke of the specifics of the program.) The program is on a tight time frame. The need is significant in the community. Treasury is looking for funds to be allocated to grantees to be spent by the end of this year. Staff is proposing is to move these funds forward to a dual pronged approach: landlord program and a tenant program. They are really looking to leverage state infrastructure for a centralized intake process and online application system where they can utilize common platforms for both landlord and tenant programs. They would be the same program used throughout the state. As for the metro wide landlord program, they want to consolidate the program for efficiency and to streamline the application process. Staff is proposing to set aside \$5.5 Million for the landlord program and \$3.72 Million for the tenant program. The tenant program is ready to launch; they are exploring collaborating with Ramsey County where renters would apply directly. A network of on the ground community partners is critical to getting the word out. They are looking to partner with community organizations on the tenant program.

Councilmember Thao asked if a landlord has properties in Saint Paul, they got a grant, does the grant eliminate the person from the property in Minneapolis. Schuchman responded it would not eliminate a landlord from receiving funds from Minneapolis. A landlord could apply in multiple jurisdictions.

Thao asked are there any priorities on unit size. Schuchman responded they are in discussion of what makes sense. They definitely want to consider and have not made a determination yet.

Thao said with the margin, he would think the smaller property owners would hurt the most financially.

Councilmember Tolbert said he does not have a question. It is a fantastic program

that will help people. It is partnership for federal dollars. We are in a good position to allocate it. People are struggling and this will help people. He thanked her for her leadership. He is happy to support it.

Brendmoen admired and appreciated the work around coordinating with other jurisdictions. Ease of use is so important.

Tolbert moved to close the ph and approve

7 in favor, no one opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

30 [RES PH 21-31](#)

Amending the 2021 budget by adding the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Council President Brendmoen said this is a public hearing held online.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none oppose

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

31 [RES PH 21-32](#)

Authorizing the Police Department to accept and amend the 2021 Special Fund Budget for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing has been held online.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

32 [RES PH 21-37](#)

Amending the Public Works grant budget for a Department of Energy grant of \$3,650,237.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing has been held online.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

33 [RES PH 21-38](#)

Amending the Public Works grant budget for a Department of Transportation grant of \$4,000,000.

Council President Brendmoen said this public hearing has been held online.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

34 [Ord 21-10](#)

Creating Chapter 223 of the Legislative Code relating to Guaranteed Income Program (Title XXIII).

Council President Brendmoen said this is an ordinance public hearing. We got a brief report from Ramos.

Muneer Karcher-Ramos said he is to give a staff report. The Mayor announced this program through executive order in September. The Council approve the use of this CARES funding. This is the third reading. The program is 18 months lasting into the winter/spring. This is transitioning from executive order into ordinance. This authorizes the program beyond the state of emergency. They are only serving 150 that are already enrolled. They are continuing to use the committed funding there. It could be a tool for advancing. 150 families, \$500 a month, babies receiving month. 150 are enrolled. Monies have been deposited in the child's account. There are a social of advisors.

They did the Economic Stability Indicator (ESI) tool. This is what the benefits counselors used. They signed off on whether they would participate or not. The bill outlines the public programs. We have \$50,000 to mitigate any loss. They have been working with Ramsey County. They make sure families will not be impacted. We are part of the national evaluation. (He showed the questions that are looked at.)

At the end of the day, they are maintaining the dignity of individuals and their families. The economy is not working for everybody. This will elevate folks.

Council President Brendmoen said she is so grateful that he is here doing this work. She really loves that they are also part of the study to quantify the results.

Councilmember Thao said Ramos is from Ward 1. This is a great program. He is excited about it. During the COVID pandemic, there are lots of things to deal with. We talked about the public safety issue, this is one of the solutions.

Councilmember Tolbert said he has an amendment. Does the word harmless need to be in the ordinance. Ramos responded it is not in the ordinance. That would be up to your discretion. Said it would make sense. He will make an amendment. It is in Version 2. It is put in as a whereas clause. The benefits they are getting are calculated based on income. The emergency ordinances at the state level are not making assistance counted as income. When emergency ordinance ends, it could be counted as income. It may effect their other public assistance programs. He suspects it will be anti-climatic when it ends.

Councilmember Prince said she supports the amendment. She said it refers to the program as the PPP. There is a PPP and she doesn't want to create any confusion. Tolbert responded he is open to that amendment. Maybe Tierney could advise.

Rachel Tierney, City Attorney's Office, said the language should be consistent throughout rather than a term that is not defined.

Councilmember Jalali said she wanted to highlight. One of the values is they know their needs. It does not impair their efforts. It is important to highlight that value.

Tolbert moved the amendment.

7 in favor, none opposed

Amendment is approved and ordinance is laid over to March 3 for final adoption.

Amended and Laid Over for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM

Rules Suspended

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

Nay: 0

[RES 21-304](#)

Adopting the Community-First Public Safety City Council Fund Grant Awards.

Council President Brendmoen moved suspension of the rules.

7 in favor, none opposed

Rules are suspended

Jalali said we will begin with a staff report.

Faisa Ahmed presented. Funding organizations like these are important. She also saw that there was a high demand for funding to keep this work going throughout the city. She gave a history of COPP. (She presented a timeline and gave a background of COPP.) 2018, the Council moved the 3 large grants out of the COPP fund and

allocated the \$250,000 to the district councils. The remaining COPP funds, the Council created a new process to award the funds. (She presented the timelines.) The total amount of funding available was \$100,000. They ended up receiving 22 applications. There was a particular focus on the most impacted communities.

Clare Verbeten gave a presentation. (She recognized the folks that were part of the review team and the review process.) They recommend the following get funding: Love First, ReleaseMN8, Karen Organization of Minnesota, The JK Movement, and Restoration Incorporated Ministries. (She spoke about why they were chosen.)

Councilmember Thao thanked Claire for the work. For the folks that didn't get it, was there a round robin type. The ones that didn't get funding this year, the next year will they move up? Are we planning to fund organizations that gets it every year? The other one is one of the things we saw was the increase in domestic violence during the pandemic. Which are working on domestic violence. Brendmoen responded she will respond to the first question. This is the first time they have done the fund in this manner. When it comes around to budget time next year, we can decide if we want to continue, double down on the groups that did great works, do we fund more? It will be up to us to determine. The application did not indicate it would be a list that would stay active. They get to define that. It is our fund.

Jalali asked how the organizations are doing work to address domestic violence. Schuchman said 3 had named domestic violence as the focus of their work.

Councilmember Prince thanked the selection committee, congratulated Ahmed on her great work as an intern, and she appreciates the work of the committee. She noticed that one of the descriptions includes using the funds for marketing and branding. She would ask that we go back; she doesn't see any opportunity for that use in the criteria for the program. We were aiming for direct services. She would hope there is another way for that group to fund that need. What we all knew was that when we encourage various groups to apply they wouldn't all be funded, but we talked about that for groups that rated highly, we might have the option to reach out to philanthropy and other ways to fund those efforts. She would be happy to support that. She is happy to reach out to the East Side Funders Group. There are a number of funds that have been set up to work on violence, violence intervention, and racial justice issues. It would be worthwhile for us to look into finding funds for some of the other programs. One of her business owners in Ward 7 wanted to do some kind of program with young people who are at loose ends, provide a meal, bring in speakers, connect with kids, and let them know how welcome they are in the community. She would love to be able to reach out to one of more of those groups to assist that business owner with that effort. If we could get contact information to work with the organizations, that would be great. She doesn't know what we planned for measuring the success of the programs. It is tough to set up metrics and measurements. Going forward, we have the opportunity to look at different ways to figure this effort and use these funds.

Brendmoen said she noted that staff is taking notes so they can follow up. This is the first time we have done this. For the first time, it feels tight, but changing and improving it is important.

Councilmember Yang thanked councilmembers for leading this effort. They have a strong list in front of us. In terms of scoring, there is a huge difference between them and other groups. That shows the deep grounding and clarity they have. When she was in a briefing recently, there was an ask for a blurb of their work, their demographics they will be touching. Schuchman said there were 3 organizations that

identified Rondo, 4 identified Frogtown as a neighborhood of focus; 3 organizations named East Side on their, Downtown is the same. (She broke down their focuses further.) They all identified youth as the focus of their work.

Brendmoen said the summaries were e-mailed today. She would request that we get summaries posted on the website.

Councilmember Noecker commended Councilmember Jalali on an objective process. Some of her organizations did not get funded, but she agreed to the process. She would suggest getting feedback from the grantees. Sometimes a \$20,000 grant is more trouble than its worth. No one wants to fund fewer organizations than more, but if a \$50,000 or \$100,000 grant is more meaningful, than the community partners might be able to tell us that. She supports Prince and Yang suggestions ensuring the current grantees and those who weren't funded have those relationships with those funders. We're feeling a need, but we should help those organization learn how to fish.

Jalali said she appreciates the discussion today. They will have a future organization committee to check on the process. She agrees with that point. She wanted to thank staff and her temporary executive assistant Faiza. She also has a personal experience in this work. She coordinated a lot of information. It was a competitive process for the first they did this.

Brendmoen said she will not reiterate the fine points her colleagues made. We succeeded here when 22 programs applied. We are just beginning the relationship with these organizations for the first time.

Jalali moved approval.
7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted
Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES 21-289](#)

Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Liquor On Sale- 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale- Sunday, Liquor- Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk), and Gambling Location Licenses with conditions to Michael P. Mulrooney d/b/a Mike's Tav On The Ave (License ID #20200002773) for the premises located at 472 Snelling Avenue South.

Councilmember Tolbert moved suspension of the rules
7 in favor, none opposed
Rules are suspended

Tolbert said this is a change in ownership. This will allow us to open up sooner. He moved to approve.
7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted
Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

Adopted Consent Agenda

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

Nay: 0

35 [RLH TA 21-23](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1000 ARCADE STREET. (File No. J2104B, Assessment No. 211803)
Adopted

39 [RLH OA 21-2](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Lori R. Dittel, heir of Fee Owners, for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 53 COOK AVENUE WEST.
Adopted

43 [RLH OA 21-4](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Anthony Costanza on behalf of CMA Investment, LLC for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 353 LARCH STREET.
Adopted

44 [RLH TA 21-13](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 811 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2014B1, Assessment No. 208116)
Adopted

45 [RLH SAO 21-8](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1098 MARION STREET in Council File RLH SAO 20-50.
Adopted

46 [RLH TA 21-37](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1119 MONTANA AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)
Adopted

47 [RLH TA 21-75](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1214 PACIFIC STREET. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303)

Adopted

49 [RLH TA 21-111](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1670 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)

Adopted

- 51 [RLH TA 21-3](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1417 TAYLOR AVENUE. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303)
Adopted
- 52 [RLH OA 21-3](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of The Pointe of Saint Paul Condominium Association for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 78 TENTH STREET EAST, UNIT P291 (PIN ID 31-29-22-43-1260).
Adopted
- 53 [RLH TA 21-32](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 721 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. CRT2104, Assessment No. 218203)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH FCO 21-21](#) Appeal of Michael Ortner, Representing Tenant Onnis Gonzalez-Buell, to a Correction Notice - Complaint Inspection at 1256 WILSON AVENUE, #110.

Adopted
- 55 [RLH FCO 21-22](#) Appeal of Jess Nelson, Halverson & Blaiser Group Ltd., on behalf of Steve Minn to a Correction Notice - Complaint Inspection at 1256 WILSON AVENUE, #110.
Adopted
- 56 [RLH AR 21-1](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during February 18 to August 13, 2020. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)
Adopted
- 57 [RLH AR 21-2](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2020. (File No. J2104B, Assessment No. 218103)
Adopted
- 58 [RLH AR 21-3](#) Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services from August to September 2020 . (File No. J2102C, Assessment No. 212001)

Adopted
- 59 [RLH AR 21-4](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during July 16 to August 17, 2020. (File No. CRT2104, Assessment No. 218203)
Adopted
- 60 [RLH AR 21-5](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during July 23 to August 21, 2020. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303)
Adopted
- 61 [RLH AR 21-6](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during October 7 to 15, 2020. (File No. J2104P, Assessment No. 218403)
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Adopted

- 36** [RLH TA 21-65](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1696 BOHLAND AVENUE. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)
Adopted As Amended

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

 Nay: 0
- 38** [RLH TA 21-2](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 101 COMO AVENUE. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)
Adopted As Amended

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

 Nay: 0
- 40** [RLH TA 20-373](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1450 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (Amend to reduce)
Adopted As Amended

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

 Nay: 0
- 37** [RLH TA 21-85](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 919 CLEAR AVENUE. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303) (Public hearing continued to July 14, 2021)
Continue Public Hearing

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

 Nay: 0
- 41** [RLH TA 21-56](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1340 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303) (Public hearing continued to August 4, 2021)

Continue Public Hearing

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

Nay: 0

42 [RLH RR 20-31](#)

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1033 GALTIER STREET within fifteen (15) days after the September 23, 2020, City Council Public Hearing. (Legislative Hearing on March 8, 2021)

Continue Public Hearing

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

Nay: 0

48 [RLH TA 21-44](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1802 ROSS AVENUE. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803) (Public hearing continued to May 5, 2021)

Continue Public Hearing

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

Nay: 0

50 [RLH VO 21-6](#)

Amending Council File RLH VO 20-54, adopted December 9, 2020, to grant Ruby Nguyen to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate an additional extension for property at 777 SIXTH STREET EAST.

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer (LHO), said this is a request for an extension. This is the 4th time in front of the Council with a request for an extension. We were originally looking at a set of order on April 22, 2020. There were extension, which the Council granted. This is Number 4. She does not have faith in the owner completing the work in the time she indicated because she has broken agreements in the past. The implication for noncompletion is additional enforcement action, which would be sending it to the vacant building program. There should be inspection fees for noncompliance. The owner has a transcribed email. She is asking until May 15 to complete the remaining items on the list. Moermond's recommendation is May 1 with the exception of egress windows which should be March 1. She recommends amendment and adoption.

Councilmember Yang said she is reading the appellant's transcribed message. Can she share any costs to keep delaying this? Moermond responded the City is delaying enforcement and allowing the conditions to continue on, and the people living there are not living in a fully compliant rental unit. There is a lot of deferred maintenance, such as porch that is in terrible condition; there was a commitment to complete it last year.

Yang said people are still living there now? Moermond responded yes.

Yang recommends the LHO's recommendation.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed, resolution is adopted as amended

Adopted As Amended

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

Nay: 0

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