



City of Saint Paul

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15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd
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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

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

Absent 1 - Councilmember Russel Balenger

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 23-12](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 871 Stickney Street a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 23-26](#) Partial funding designated for the City Council Neighborhood Investment Fund is being added to the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 23-30](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for 166 Larpenteur (Fantasy Nails), a project selected by CDBG subgrantee ESNDK for their North End Façade Improvement Program (NEFIP).
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 23-31](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for Fire Station 51 project rehabilitation costs.
Received and Filed
- 5 [AO 23-32](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: funding for Rondo Community Land Trust CDBG subaward.
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 Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Balenger

- 7 [RES 23-332](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into an agreement with the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency for the collaborative A Community Outreach Program (ACOP), that includes an indemnification clause.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 23-340](#) Approving an extension amendment for the Saint Paul Farmers Market lease, located downtown and bounded by Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Broadway Street, and Wall Street (District 17, Ward 2).
Adopted
- 9 [RES 23-352](#) Approving the agreement with Lime (Neutron Holdings, Inc. dba Lime) to provide e-scooter sharing services for the 2023 scooter season.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 23-353](#) Approving the agreement with Spin (Skinny Labs Inc. dba Spin) to provide e-scooter sharing services for the 2023 scooter season.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 23-355](#) Appointing the firm Quinlivan & Hughes, P.A., under the direction of attorney Dyan J. Ebert, as outside counsel representing Fire Captain Jeremy Coy in the matter of Ahmed Ali v. Jeremy Coy; David Alfred; Ulicer Sanchez; Vang Touhu; City of St. Paul.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 23-356](#) Appointing the firm Waldeck & Woodrow, P.A., under the direction of attorney Theodore J. Waldeck, as outside counsel representing Firefighter Vang Touhu in the matter of Ahmed Ali v. Jeremy Coy; David Alfred; Ulicer Sanchez; Vang Touhu; City of St. Paul.
Adopted
- 13 [RES 23-357](#) Appointing the firm Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, P.A., under the direction of

attorney Margaret Skelton, as outside counsel representing Fire Equipment Operator David Alfred in the matter of Ahmed Ali v. Jeremy Coy; David Alfred; Ulicer Sanchez; Vang Touhu; City of St. Paul.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 23-358](#) Appointing the firm Jardine, Logan & O'Brien, P.L.L.P., under the direction of attorney Joseph E. Flynn, as outside counsel representing Firefighter Ulicer Sanchez in the matter of Ahmed Ali v. Jeremy Coy; David Alfred; Ulicer Sanchez; Vang Touhu; City of St. Paul.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 23-359](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into an agreement with Ramsey County to provide services with funding from a 2022 American Rescue Plan Act Innovation in Community Safety (ARPIC) Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 23-364](#) Approving the application with no conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for Bold Grit LLC (License ID# 20230000117), d/b/a Club Pilates Highland Park West, for a Health/Sport Club license located at 757 Cleveland Avenue South.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 23-369](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2022 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of \$4,579,629 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to hire 14 additional firefighters.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 23-370](#) Approving a Liquor Off Sale license to Randolph Liquors Inc. d/b/a Randolph Liquors (License ID #20220002141) for the premises located at 1325 Randolph Avenue.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 23-374](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for Slate Billiard Club LLC (License ID #20230000170), d/b/a same, for a Pool & Billiard Hall license located 755 Prior Avenue North, Suite #002A.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 23-392](#) Approval of financing of a \$2,307,342 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) loan; authorization to enter into a subrecipient and loan agreement for the Ashland Apartments project at 532 Ashland; and authorization to transfer the funds from the 30% AMI Deeply Affordable Housing account to a specific account for the Ashland Apartments Housing Project (District 8, Ward 1).

Adopted

- 21 [RES 23-393](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Maribel Davidson, Natalie King, Ana

Perez, Crystal Robinson, and Aimee Vue to the Neighborhood STAR Board.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 23-397](#) Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to apply for a 2024 Crime Victim Services 12- Month Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

Adopted

- 23 [RES 23-402](#) Accepting the gift of the costs of travel, food, and lodging from the Black Economic Alliance (BEA), for Mayor Melvin Carter's attendance at the Black Economic Alliance Solutions Summit in New York, NY, on March 21, 2023.

Adopted

- 24 [Min 23-15](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2022.

Adopted

- 25 [Min 23-17](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2023.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 6 [RES 23-331](#) Authorizing the City to grant a Temporary Revocable License on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) for lease of 235 Maryland Avenue East, Saint Paul, MN with Shindler/West Finance Partners for canine training.

Laid over to March 22, 2023

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Balenger

- 26 [RES 23-399](#) Recognizing Holly Huston's career and dedicated service to the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Balenger

SUSPENSION ITEMS

[RES 23-419](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 2 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for projects located at FoxFace Studios.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Balenger

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at three separate council meetings and becomes effective after passage by the Council and 30 days after publication in the Saint Paul Pioneer Press. Public hearings on ordinances are generally held at the first reading.

Final Adoption

27 [Ord 23-14](#) Granting the application of William Janicke to rezone property at 869 Arkwright St from RT1 two-family residential to RT2 townhouse residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Tolbert and Councilmember Balenger

First Reading

28 [Ord 23-13](#) Granting the application of 1598 Carroll LLC to rezone the property at 1598 Carroll Avenue from T2 traditional neighborhood to I1 light industrial and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid over to March 22, 2023 for Second Reading

29 [Ord 23-15](#) Granting the application of Rosenblum Family Limited Partnership to rezone the property at 271 Snelling Avenue North from IT transitional industrial to I1 light industrial and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid over to March 22, 2023 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Live testimony is limited to two minutes for each person. See below for optional ways to testify.

- 30** [RES PH 23-45](#) Considering and adopting the Order on Cross Motions for Summary Disposition of the Administrative Law Judge and imposing the presumptive matrix penalty for a first violation, suspending the licenses held by Majid Nitaishoon d/b/a MJ Market, located at 922 Thomas Avenue, for 10 days in accordance with Legislative Code §324.10.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Balenger
- 31** [RES PH 23-49](#) Approving the application of Visit Saint Paul for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Visit Saint Paul/NCHC Fan Fest 2023 on March 17 and 18, 2023 on the Patio of Apostle Supper Club at 253 Kellogg Boulevard West - on Seventh Street West between Kellogg Boulevard West and Fifth Street West.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Balenger
- 32** [RES PH 23-54](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to accept grant funds from Living Cities and to amend the financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$400,000, to support homeownership strategies.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Balenger
- 33** [RES PH 23-57](#) Authorizing the execution of business subsidy agreements for the Neighborhood STAR loans and grants for the Shanghai Wholesale LLC project located at 640 Prior Avenue North (District 11, Ward 4), Vina Highland Inc project at 756 Cleveland Avenue South (District 15, Ward 3), and Wabasha Partners LLC project located at 160 Wabasha Street South (District

3, Ward 2).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Balenger

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 40** [RLH SAO 22-52](#) Appeal of Greg Trentman and Rachel Goligoski to a Summary Abatement Order at 1317 SELBY AVENUE.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Balenger

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Balenger

- 34** [RLH TA 22-337](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 522 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2302A, Assessment No. 238501) (Public hearing continued to March 15, 2023)

Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)

- 35** [RLH TA 23-102](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 22-19 to delete the assessment for Property Clean Up services during November 1 to 10, 2021 at 1615 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J2214A, Assessment No. 228513)

Adopted

- 36 [RLH VBR 23-11](#) Appeal of Mark Allerman, Christ's Household of Faith, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 27 EMPIRE DRIVE.
Adopted
- 37 [RLH SAO 23-17](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1947 LINCOLN AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 23-16. (Legislative Hearing on March 14, 2023)
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 38 [RLH RR 22-39](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 575 PARK STREET in Council File RLH RR 21-71.
Adopted as amended (forfeited \$5,000 performance deposit {amended earlier, as nuisance not abated after 3rd deadline missed by 5 months in November} and found that nuisance condition is now abated)
- 39 [RLH SAO 23-12](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1384 REANEY AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 23-2.
Adopted as amended (nuisance not abated and DSI action authorized)

ADJOURNMENT**Meeting ended at 4:59 PM**

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Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us, CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us, or by voicemail at 651-266-6805. Live testimony will be taken in person in the Council Chambers, and by telephone by registering to speak by noon on the day before the meeting. The registration link is located on the City Council website at www.stpaul.gov/council or <https://forms.office.com/g/TD3xN7WHy5>.

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