



# City of Saint Paul

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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*

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Wednesday, May 3, 2023

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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**Public Hearing on the Police Department's draft policy to allow for the use of  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers  
Regular Council Meeting at 3:30 PM in Council Chambers**

#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting started at 10:03 AM**

**Present** 7 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert,  
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince,  
Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang and  
Councilmember Russel Balenger

**PUBLIC HEARING (The public hearing on this item will take place at 10:00 a.m. in  
Council Chambers.)**

- 1 [PH 23-2](#) Review of the Police Department draft policy to allow for the use of  
Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) "Drones."  
**Received and Filed**

**RECESS (The Council will recess, and reconvene at 3:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.)**

**Meeting recessed at 11:23 AM**

#### ROLL CALL

**Meeting resumed at 3:32 PM**

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 2 [CO 23-23](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1356 Reaney  
Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings

will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

**Received and Filed**

- 3     [AO 23-47](#)     Amending the 2023 Saint Paul Regional Water Services adopted spending budget for the transfer of funds for the purpose of fully funding the Enterprise Asset Management System.

**Received and Filed**

- 4     [AO 23-49](#)     Establishing five (4) new projects through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program as adopted via City Council Resolutions #23-496, 23-498, 23-506, 23-546 and amending the budget for Hamline Ave Sidewalk.

**Received and Filed**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present**   7 -   Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember Russel Balenger

**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**

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

**Nay:**   0

- 5     [RES 23-620](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2023 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

**Laid over to May 10, 2023**

- 6     [RES 23-622](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to donate staff time and plant material from Como Park Zoo and Conservatory to Minneapolis Institute of Art's Art in Bloom event.

**Adopted**

- 7     [RES 23-637](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2023 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

**Laid over to May 10, 2023**

- 8     [RES 23-646](#)     Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department to accept a donation from the Saint Paul Police Foundation.  
**Adopted**
- 9     [RES 23-655](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals issued by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Target Corporation.  
**Adopted**
- 10    [RES 23-656](#)     Approving the appointments of the City Council to serve as members of the City Operations Committee and appointing the Vice President of the City Council as the Chairperson.  
**Adopted**
- 11    [RES 23-658](#)     Changing the rate of pay for the classification of Animal Services Manager (formerly Animal Control Supervisor), from Grade 038 to Grade 046, EG 10, Manual and Maintenance Supervisors Association. (to be laid over one week for adoption)  
**Laid over to May 10, 2023**
- 12    [RES 23-659](#)     Approving a Parking Ramp (Private) license to The Aberdeen Condominium Association of St. Paul, Inc. d/b/a The Aberdeen Condominium Association (License ID #20230000399) for the premises located at 370 Marshall Avenue.  
**Adopted**
- 13    [RES 23-660](#)     Approving adverse action against the Auto Repair Garage license held by Benzel Automotive, LLC d/b/a Benzel Motors (License ID #20180000688) for the premises located at 985 Randolph Avenue.  
**Adopted**
- 14    [RES 23-618](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2023 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, Local No. 633.  
**Adopted**
- 15    [RES 23-619](#)     Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2023 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10.  
**Adopted**

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 16    [RES 23-566](#)     Approving adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco License held by KMH Retail LLC d/b/a Mini Pac (License ID# 20210000750), at 1184

Maryland Avenue East. (Licensee's Attorney will speak to City Council on licensee's behalf) (laid over from April 26, 2023)

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**17**     [RES 23-591](#)

Approving adverse action against the Tobacco Shop License held by Mohammed Ibrahim & Ali Abdullane d/b/a Annapolis Super USA #002 (License ID# 20160003307), at 1333 Thomas Avenue. (Licensee will speak to Council on his own behalf) (Laid over from April 26, 2023)

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**SUSPENSION ITEM**

[RES 23-687](#)

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement related to the City's sponsorship of a Minnesota Investment Fund grant for the benefit of the ForwardEdge ASIC project located at 2340 or 2344 Energy Park Drive. (District 12, Ward 4)

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

[RES 23-708](#)

Extending the declaration of a local emergency, as a result of the spring floods, for an additional period not to exceed 30 days from May 3, 2023.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**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 second reading.**

**Final Adoption**

- 18 [Ord 23-22](#) Amending Chapter 225 of the Legislative Code relating to weapons.

**Laid over to May 17, 2023 for Final Adoption**

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

**Nay:** 0

**First Reading**

- 19 [Ord 23-23](#) Granting authority to the Port Authority to issue and sell general obligation bonds to which the Port Authority pledges the full faith, credit, and resources of the City pursuant to the provisions and by authority of said Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 469 and 475, as amended.

**Laid over to May 10, 2023 for Second Reading**

- 20 [Ord 23-24](#) Amending Chapter 33.04 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Permit Fees as they relate to Gas Burner, Plumbing fees and Radon system fees.

**Laid over to May 10, 2023 for Second Reading****PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 21 [Ord 23-21](#) Granting the application of Lucky 888 LLC to rezone property at 1416-1418 Grand Avenue from OS office-service to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

**Laid over to May 10, 2023 for Final Adoption**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 22 [RES PH 23-59](#) Ratifying the assessment for sanitary sewer and connections at 2200 Ogden Court and 2233 Snowshoe Lane. (File No. 18928A4, Assessment No. 236043)

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 23**     [RES PH 23-60](#)     Ratifying the assessment for a sanitary sewer and connection at 1509 Burg Avenue. (File No. 18932A3, Assessment No. 236051)

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 24**     [RES PH 23-61](#)     Ratifying the assessment for a sanitary sewer and connection at 2197 Ogden Court and 2244 Ogden Court. (File No. 18937A1, Assessment No. 236044)

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 25**     [RES PH 23-62](#)     Ratifying the assessment for a sanitary sewer and connection at 310 Burlington Road. (File No. 19019C1, Assessment No. 096054)

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 26**     [RES PH 23-96](#)     Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for the Chick-fil-A 5K/10K sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 3, 2023 at 200 Dr Justus Ohage Blvd - Harriet Island Regional Park.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 27**     [RES PH 23-100](#)     Approving the application of Hot Summer Jazz Festival for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on June 23 and 24, 2023 at 221 5th St. E. - Mears Park.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 28     [RES PH 23-101](#)     Approving the application of Ordway Center for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 30 - June 3, 2023 at Rice Park - 345 Washington St. (Washington St. & 4th St.) and June 3, 2023 at Landmark Plaza.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0
- 29     [RES PH 23-102](#)     Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department to accept and amend the 2023 Special Fund Budget for a donation from the Saint Paul Police Foundation.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0

#### LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 30     [RLH RR 23-18](#)     Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 318 EDMUND AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-11. (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 26, 2023)
- Amended and referred to May 23, 2023 Legislative Hearing**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0

#### 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

##### Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0

- 31     [RLH SAO 23-14](#)     Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1068

CHATSWORTH STREET NORTH in Council File RLH SAO 23-9.  
(Legislative Hearing on May 2, 2023)

**Public hearing continued to May 10, 2023**

- 32**     [RLH TA 23-108](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1281 ELEANOR AVENUE. (File No. J2315A, Assessment No. 238514)  
**Adopted**
- 33**     [RLH VO 23-18](#)     Appeal of Lauren L. Ross, HouseCalls, on behalf of Deanna Dorsey, tenant, to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies (which includes condemnation) at 2236 GLENRIDGE AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 34**     [RLH RR 23-10](#)     Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1117 JENKS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the April 19, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (To refer back to July 11, 2023 Legislative Hearing)  
**Referred to July 11, 2023 Legislative Hearing**
- 35**     [RLH TA 23-112](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2211 PRINCETON AVENUE. (File No. J2315A, Assessment No. 238514)  
**Adopted**
- 36**     [RLH TA 23-99](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1534 SELBY AVENUE. (File No. J2316A, Assessment No. 238515)  
**Adopted**
- 37**     [RLH TA 23-107](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 287 STURGIS STREET. (File No. J2315A, Assessment No. 238514)  
**Adopted**
- 38**     [RLH AR 23-28](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during December 1 to 13, 2022. (File No. J2315A, Assessment No. 238514)  
**Adopted**
- 39**     [RLH AR 23-29](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during December 14 to 30, 2022. (File No. J2316A, Assessment No. 238515)  
**Adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting ended at 4:22 PM**



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