



City of Saint Paul

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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, May 17, 2023

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:32 PM

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 23-50](#) Administrative Order: Amending the 2023 Saint Paul Regional Water Services budget for the transfer of funds from various accounting units to increase funding for the Administration - Building Repair Services expense account.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 23-51](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its 2023 Special Fund budget to more accurately record expenditures meeting capital criteria.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 23-52](#) Amending the 2023 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Sewers Utility Fund Sewer Inflow and Infiltration accounting unit.
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

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

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 23-674](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for and accept funding from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary grant program for the City's EV Spot Network Project, which, if awarded to the City, would require a 20% local match.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 23-717](#) Changing the rate of pay for the Animal Services Officer I-III series to Grades 030, 034, 037, respectively. (to be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to May 24, 2023
- 6 [RES 23-730](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025) between the City and the Saint Paul Fire Supervisory Association International Association of Firefighters Local 3939. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to May 24, 2023
- 7 [RES 23-731](#) Authorizing an agreement between the City and Saint Paul River Centre CVA for the Police Department's use of commercial space for police operations.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 23-741](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for Lavs Tac Ent LLC, d/b/a The Foundry Pub (License ID #20230000060), for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Gambling Location licenses, located at 1201 Jackson Street.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 23-691](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2023 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82.
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 10 [RES 23-719](#) Approving adverse action against the Liquor On Sale-100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale-2AM Closing, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Tobacco Shop, and Entertainment (A) licenses held by White Squirrel, LLC d/b/a The White Squirrel Bar (License ID# 20200001333) for the premises located at 974 Seventh Street West. (Licensee will speak to Council on his own behalf)
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

- 11** [Ord 23-22](#) Amending Chapter 225 of the Legislative Code relating to weapons. (laid over from May 3, 2023)
- Amended and laid over to May 24, 2023 for Public Hearing and Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0

- 12** [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.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0

- 13** [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.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 14** [Ord 23-25](#) Amending Chapter 157 of the Legislative Code related to parking of commercial and overweight vehicles.

Public hearing closed and laid over to May 24, 2023 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 15 [RES PH 23-104](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$100,200 for the Hamline Avenue Trail project.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 16 [RES PH 23-103](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to close out 2018 projects.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 17 [RES PH 23-112](#) Accepting Minnesota China Friendship Garden Society funds for the Saint Paul Changsha China Friendship Garden project, and, amending the financing and spending budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$15,000 for the project.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES PH 23-113](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$5,000 for funds received from the Lower Phalen Creek Project (LPCP) for staff time for participating in the Swede Hollow Creek Enhancement Feasibility Study.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 23-116](#) Approving the application of ROK Eatery for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Sundays, June 4 - September 24, 2023 at 882

Seventh Street West #12 - ROK Eatery.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20** [RES PH 23-117](#) Approving the application of POCIS for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 18, 2023 at 1600 Phalen Drive - Phalen Park Pavilion.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 31** [RLH VO 23-19](#) Appeal of Christina Harding on behalf of Lynn Huynh to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1146 EDGERTON STREET.

Public hearing closed and laid over to June 7, 2023

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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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

- 21** [RLH TA 23-137](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 942 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306)

Adopted

- 22** [RLH TA 23-174](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1019 BEECH

STREET. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306) (Public hearing continued to October 11, 2023)

Public hearing continued to October 11, 2023

- 23** [RLH TA 23-147](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 452 BIDWELL STREET. (File No. CRT2306, Assessment No. 238205)
Adopted
- 24** [RLH TA 23-181](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 399 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306) (To refer to August 1, 2023 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to August 1, 2023 Legislative Hearing
- 25** [RLH TA 23-140](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1039 BRADLEY STREET. (File No. VB2307, Assessment No. 238806)
Adopted
- 26** [RLH TA 23-153](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 586 BURGESS STREET. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306)
Adopted
- 27** [RLH SAO 23-19](#) Appeal of Earl Carlson to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1784 CARROLL AVENUE.
Adopted
- 28** [RLH TA 23-207](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 23-17 to delete the assessment for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during August 22 to September 21, 2022 at 982 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J2305E, Assessment No. 238304)
Adopted
- 29** [RLH TA 23-154](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 324 CLARENCE STREET. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306)
Adopted
- 30** [RLH TA 23-145](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 953 CLARK STREET. (File No. J2307B, Assessment No. 238106)
Adopted
- 32** [RLH RR 23-26](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 39 HILLTOP LANE in Council File RLH RR 22-53.
Adopted
- 33** [RLH TA 23-143](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1840 IOWA

AVENUE EAST. (File No. 2306T, Assessment No. 239005)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 23-178](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1885 IVY AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306)

Adopted

- 35 [RLH RR 23-15](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 655 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 22-51.

Adopted as amended (nuisance condition abated and matter resolved)

- 36 [RLH SAO 23-18](#) Appeal of William Quinlan to a Summary Abatement Order at 1042 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 37 [RLH TA 23-205](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 817 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306) (Legislative Hearing on May 16, 2023)

Referred to June 6, 2023 Legislative Hearing

- 38 [RLH TA 23-144](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1079 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306)

Adopted

- 39 [RLH TA 23-133](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1361 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2307B, Assessment No. 238106)

Adopted

- 40 [RLH TA 23-148](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1826 SHERWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306)

Adopted

- 41 [RLH RR 23-19](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1457 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 22-24. (Public hearing continued to May 17, 2023)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 42 [RLH RR 23-16](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 829 THIRD STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the May 17, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (To refer to June 27, 2023 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to June 27, 2023 Legislative Hearing

- 43 [RLH TA 23-92](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 779 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2304E3, Assessment No. 238310)

Amended to ratify assessment and public hearing continued to June 7, 2023

- 44 [RLH TA 23-93](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 779 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2305E3, Assessment No. 238314)
Amended to ratify assessment and public hearing continued to June 7, 2023
- 45 [RLH TA 23-94](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 779 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2306E, Assessment No. 238305)
Amended to ratify assessment and public hearing continued to June 7, 2023
- 46 [RLH TA 23-117](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 693 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306)
Adopted
- 47 [RLH VBR 23-17](#) Appeal of Yang Vang and Pang Yang to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1093 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH.
Adopted
- 48 [RLH TA 23-139](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 929 YORK AVENUE. (File No. VB2307, Assessment No. 238806) (May 16, 2023 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 49 [RLH AR 23-33](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during August 11 to November 16, 2022. (File No. VB2307, Assessment No. 238806)
Adopted
- 50 [RLH AR 23-34](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during December 2022. (File No. J2307B, Assessment No. 238106)
Adopted
- 51 [RLH AR 23-35](#) Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services from November 2022. (File No. J2303C, Assessment No. 232002)
Adopted
- 52 [RLH AR 23-36](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during October 25 to November 27, 2022 (File No. CRT2306, Assessment No. 238205)
Adopted
- 53 [RLH AR 23-37](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during October 24 to November 21, 2022 (File No. J2307E, Assessment No. 238306)
Adopted

- 54 [RLH AR 23-38](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree services during January 2023. (File No. 2306T, Assessment No. 239005)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:34 PM

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