



City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
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, October 18, 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

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

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 1 [RES 23-1509](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds of up to \$10,000 from the Capital Region Watershed District's Partner Grants program for the Parks Ambassadors program.

Adopted

- 2 [RES 23-1553](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department ("SPPD") to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2023 program.

Adopted

- 3 [RES 23-1571](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council's Tax Base Revitalization Account fund for a project at 680 and 694 Minnehaha Avenue East (Hamm's Brewery redevelopment), and 176 Robert Street South (Soul).
Adopted
- 4 [RES 23-1577](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Matteo Vuong-Deo-Campo to the Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity Commission.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 23-1579](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Makayla Cox as a member of the Capital Improvement Budget Committee.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 23-1590](#) Setting the date of Public Hearing for November 1, 2023 for 2024 Sanitary Sewer Rates and 2024 Storm Sewer System Charges.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 23-1598](#) Establishing an additional Step 7 for the existing classification of Street Services Worker in Grade 012 of EG 71, Tri-Council Laborers.
Laid over to October 25, 2023
- 8 [RES 23-1599](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Chemical Feed Specialist II and Senior Water Operator in Grade 12U, of EG 12, Operating Engineers Salary Schedule.
Laid over to October 25, 2023
- 9 [RES 23-1600](#) Approving the 2023 Memorandums or Agreement between the City and Manual & Maintenance Supervisors Association and Tri-Council (LIUNA Laborers, Local 363; General Drivers, Local 120; Operating Engineers, Local 49) for the purpose of establishing a process for determining compensation for the supervising of and potholing and skim paving work performed on a weekend shift.
Laid over to October 25, 2023
- 10 [RES 23-1601](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Maintenance Worker III in Grade 11U, of EG 12, Operating Engineers Salary Schedule.
Laid over to October 25, 2023
- 11 [RES 23-1606](#) Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Police Department, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force.
Adopted
- 12 [RES 23-1539](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025) between the City of Saint Paul and the Classified Confidential Employees Association.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 23-1543](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Clerical, Local 2508 in order to provide a shoe allowance for Zookeepers at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 23-1551](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Technical, Local 1842, to amend the 2023 - 2025 Labor Agreement for the purpose of correcting uniform reimbursement amounts.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 23-1597](#) Approving adverse action against the Tobacco Products Shop license held by White Bear Tobacco Market Place Inc. d/b/a White Bear Tobacco (License ID #20140001994) for the premises located at 1662 White Bear Avenue.

Adopted**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

- 16 [Ord 23-43](#) Amending the Zoning Map and specific sections of the Legislative Code pertaining to zoning regulations to promote the production of 1-6 unit residential housing options as recommended in Phase 2 of the 1-4 Unit Housing Study and amending additional Legislative Code sections that regulate those aspects of property maintenance associated with 1-6 unit housing.

Councilmember Prince asked for clarification from staff.

Tony Johnson, City Planner, addressed Prince's question.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.

Prince spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke in opposition.

Councilmember Jalali spoke in support and moved approval.

Council President Brendmoen spoke in support.

Adopted

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Balenger

17 [Ord 23-48](#)

Amending Chapter 233 of the Legislative Code pertaining to Earned Sick and Safe Time, to bring Saint Paul's ordinance into alignment with the State of Minnesota's Earned Sick and Safe Time law.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

18 [Ord 23-51](#)

Granting the application of Pillai Builders LLC to rezone property at 597- 605 Front Avenue from B3 general business to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.

Laid over to October 25, 2023 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

19 [Ord 23-47](#)

Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2024.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to October 25, 2023 for Final Adoption

20 [Ord 23-49](#)

Granting the application of 2285 Hampden LLC to rezone property at 2285 Hampden Avenue from I1 light industrial to IT transitional industrial and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Tom Keller, neighbor, spoke during the public hearing.

Char Pellett, neighbor, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to October 25, 2023 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 21** [RES PH 23-309](#) Authorizing an increase in the Highland National Golf budget in the amount of \$230,000 to reflect the increase in revenue during the 2023 season.
- Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0
- 22** [RES PH 23-310](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to accept Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funds for the Rondo Neighborhood Planning Study and amending the budget to reflect the new grant.
- Councilmember Jalali moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0
- 23** [RES PH 23-315](#) Approving the application of Backstory Coffee Roasters for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday October 21, 2023 at 432 Wabasha Street South.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0
- 24** [RES PH 23-324](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (“SPPD”) to accept, and amend the special fund for \$1,146,000 from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the Enforcement Grant Program 2024 program.
- Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger
- Nay:** 0

- 25** [RES PH 23-325](#) Authorizing the City to shift American Rescue Plan funds into the City Payroll ARP project.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- 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

Councilmember Balenger moved approval.

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
- 26** [RLH RSA 23-10](#) Appeal of Bailey Miracle and Rachel Waters to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 696 CONWAY STREET, Unit 2.
- Adopted**
- 27** [RLH VBR 23-56](#) Appeal of Stephanie Powers to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 914 COOK AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 28** [RLH SAO 23-40](#) Appeal of Jesse Rosillo, III to Summary and Vehicle Abatement Orders at 0 ISABEL STREET EAST (PIN: 08-28-22-21-0085).
- Adopted**
- 29** [RLH VBR 23-60](#) Appeal of Kent W. Jefferson to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 2081 LONDIN LANE.
- Adopted**
- 30** [RLH RR 23-43](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 595 PARK STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-12. (Public hearing continued to October 18, 2023)

Public hearing continued to January 17, 2024

- 31 [RLH TA 23-356](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 23-61 to delete the assessment for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during November 16 to February 22, 2023 at 1236 ROSS AVENUE. (File No. VB2310, Assessment No. 238813)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:21 PM

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