



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Mitra Jalali
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 24-4](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 887 Charles Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 23-125](#) Amending the 2023 Neighborhood STAR budget to reallocate funds for twenty-one (21) projects in the amount of \$662,560.00.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 23-126](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Additional funding for City Wide Homeowner Improvement fund, and Pedro Park, to be funded with Neighborworks St. Paul Home Improvement Loan Fund, Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Services RLF, 621-629 Minnehaha, and COPP undesignated fund.
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: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 24-102](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to pay for all costs for Emergency Management training and/or costs associated with the operation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during emergency and declared disasters in 2024.
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 24-15](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Chris Tolbert to the Board of Water Commissioners. (To be withdrawn, duplicate file)
- Withdrawn**
- 6 [RES 24-1](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20220010211 for Roadway Sidewalk Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site, for sidewalk and boulevard work at the following locations: on the west side of Mount Curve Boulevard from Beechwood Avenue to the north right-of-way line of Village Way; on the east side of Woodlawn Avenue from Beechwood Avenue to the north right-of-way line of Village Way; and on the north side of Village Way from Mount Curve Boulevard to Woodlawn Avenue, District 15, Ward 3.
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 24-3](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20220010213 for Roadway Sidewalk Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site, for sidewalk and boulevard work on the north side of Village Way from Mount Curve Boulevard to the first N/S alley east of Mount Curve Boulevard, District 15, Ward 3.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 24-4](#) Approving Ordinance Permit 20230010215 for Roadway Sidewalk Infrastructure installed by Project Paul, LLC (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ryan Companies US, Inc.) ("Ryan") on the Ford (Highland Bridge) Site, for sidewalk and boulevard work at the following locations: on the east side of Cretin Avenue from Bohland Avenue to the north property line of Lot 2 Block 3 and on the north side of Bohland Avenue from Cretin Avenue to the east property line of Lot 2 Block 3, District 15, Ward 3.
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 24-29](#) Granting preliminary approval to the issuance of various general obligation and revenue bonds as approved in the 2024 City budget; expressing the intent of the City to reimburse itself from the proceeds of such tax-exempt bonds; and

authorizing City finance staff and advisors to take certain actions with respect to the sale of such bonds.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-64](#) Approving the addition of a Gambling Location license to the existing Liquor On Sale 181-290 seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (sidewalk) licenses held by Green Mill LLC d/b/a Green Mill (License ID # 20130005371) for the premises located at 57 Hamline Avenue South.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-72](#) Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to community meetings and events in 2024.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-73](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase light refreshments for witnesses, victims, and suspects during critical incident investigations and assistance programs.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 24-74](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase refreshments for employee recognition ceremonies and events in 2024.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-76](#) Authorizing the Police Department's expenditures relating to the Canine Unit's community engagement meetings, community engagement events, and training sessions in 2024.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 24-77](#) Authorizing the Police Department expenditures for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Training program conducted in 2024.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 24-78](#) Authorizing the Police Department to purchase food and beverages for law enforcement trainings conducted in 2024.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 24-94](#) Approving polling location changes for the 2024 elections.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 24-43](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to submit applications for state funding to the 2023-2024 MnDOT Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Program with no local capital funding match requirements.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 24-14](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2024 January Wage and

Fringe Adjustment (January 1, 2024) for the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 24-46](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Operating Engineers, Local 70 to provide On-call pay in the Saint Paul Regional Water Services Distribution division.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 24-40](#) Approving the Memorandums of Agreement between the City and AFSCME Clerical, Local 2508 and AFSCME Technical, Local 1842, for the purpose of providing preferred license premium pay for AFSCME employees in the Saint Paul Regional Water Services.

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

- 23 [Ord 23-70](#) Amending Chapter 310.01 of the Legislative Code to add a table and definition for fees associated with business activities that are referenced but not stipulated within specific ordinance sections and animal fees.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 24 [Ord 24-1](#) Granting the application of Khoua Yang to rezone property at 736 Oakdale Ave from H1 residential to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid over to January 24, 2023 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 25 [Ord 24-4](#) Granting the application of Hovda Properties LLC to rezone property at 0 Saint Clair Avenue Rezone from B1 local business to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning

map.

Laid over to January 24, 2023 for Final Adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 24-14](#) Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement with indemnity obligations and amending the operating budget for the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Act Pre-Development Grant Program for 680 and 694 Minnehaha Ave E (Hamm's Brewery II, District 4, Ward 7).

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 27** [RES PH 24-7](#) Authorizing an increase in the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund Budget in the amount of \$74,750 to reflect the multi-year Conservation Partners Legacy Grant received from the State of Minnesota for Swede Hollow Park.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES PH 24-10](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$156,900 to reflect additional 2024 funding expected from Como Friends.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES PH 24-11](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$3,360,000 to reflect additional 2024 funding expected from Como Legacy. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 30** [RES PH 24-12](#) Authorizing the Police and Emergency Management Departments to accept a grant in the amount of \$225,525 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA for the 2023 Port Security Grant Program.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 49** [RLH SAO 24-2](#) Appeal of Darin Dallin to an Emergency Summary Abatement Order at 1062 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 59** [RLH TA 23-352](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 733 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. VB2401, Assessment No. 248800)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 66** [RLH AR 24-8](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during June 7 to 30, 2023. (File No. J2402A, Assessment No. 248501)
- Adopted as amended (380 Earl St and 132 Magnolia Ave E referred to January 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing; 1220 Saint Clair Ave and 523 Beaumont St referred to February 6, 2024 Legislative Hearing)**
- 68** [RLH AR 23-84](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 7, 2022 to April 19, 2023. (File No. VB2401, Assessment No. 248800)
- Adopted as amended (571 Van Buren Ave and 171 Granite St referred to February 6, 2024 Legislative Hearing)**

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 31 [RLH RR 23-62](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 188 ACKER STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the January 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Legislative Hearing on January 16, 2024)

Public hearing continued to February 7, 2024

- 32 [RLH TA 23-329](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 870 ALBERT STREET NORTH. (File No. J2402A, Assessment No. 248501)

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 24-5](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 895 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2401A, Assessment No. 248500)

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 23-332](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 703 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)

Adopted

- 35 [RLH TA 23-333](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 703 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2402A, Assessment No. 248501)

Adopted

- 36 [RLH TA 23-346](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 606 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. VB2401, Assessment No. 248800)

Adopted

- 37 [RLH TA 23-341](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1406 CLEVELAND AVENUE SOUTH. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH FCO 23-102](#) Appeal of Gayle Markovich to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1429 COMO AVENUE.

Adopted

- 39 [RLH TA 23-407](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1643-1645 DIETER STREET. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300) (Refer to February 20, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to February 20, 2024 Legislative Hearing

- 40 [RLH SAO 23-55](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 494 EDMUND AVENUE in Council File RLH VBR 23-72.
Adopted
- 41 [RLH TA 23-342](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 276 EXCHANGE STREET SOUTH. (File No. VB2401, Assessment No. 248800)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH VO 23-36](#) Appeal of Nickolas Gerr to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 36 FRONT AVENUE.
Adopted
- 43 [RLH RR 23-63](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 195 GOODRICH AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the January 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to March 12, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to March 12, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 44 [RLH TA 23-248](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1541 and 1543 JACKSON STREET. (File No. J2309E1, Assessment No. 238325) (Public hearing continued to January 17, 2024)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 45 [RLH TA 23-312](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 443 JOHNSON PARKWAY. (File No. J2402A, Assessment No. 248501)

Adopted
- 46 [RLH TA 23-328](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1937 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)
Adopted
- 47 [RLH TA 23-325](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 340 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)
Adopted
- 48 [RLH TA 23-350](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1648 MCLEAN AVENUE. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)

Adopted
- 50 [RLH TA 23-344](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1235 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)
Adopted

- 51 [RLH TA 23-345](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1235 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2401, Assessment No. 248800)
Adopted
- 52 [RLH TA 23-351](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2249 NOKOMIS AVENUE. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)
Adopted
- 53 [RLH SAO 23-54](#) Appeal of Nancy Ness to a Summary Abatement Order at 265 PAGE STREET WEST.
Adopted
- 54 [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)
Amended and public hearing continued to February 21, 2024
- 55 [RLH TA 24-40](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1726 PINEHURST AVENUE. (File No. J2402A, Assessment No. 248501)
Adopted
- 56 [RLH TA 23-313](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1814 PINEHURST AVENUE. (File No. J2402A, Assessment No. 248501)
Adopted
- 57 [RLH RR 23-61](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 975 REANEY AVENUE within one-hundred eighty (180) days after the January 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.
Adopted
- 58 [RLH TA 23-316](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 116 SYCAMORE STREET EAST. (File No. J2402A, Assessment No. 248501)
Adopted
- 60 [RLH TA 24-41](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 259 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2401P, Assessment No. 248400)
Adopted
- 61 [RLH VO 23-35](#) Appeal of Si Nguyen to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 353 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.
Public hearing continued to February 7, 2024
- 62 [RLH TA 24-44](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 724 VIRGINIA STREET. (File No. J2401A, Assessment No. 248500)

Adopted

- 63 [RLH TA 23-387](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 344 WABASHA STREET NORTH. (File No. J2402B, Assessment No. 248101)

Adopted

- 64 [RLH TA 23-347](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 820 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH. (File No. VB2401, Assessment No. 248800)

Adopted

- 65 [RLH AR 24-7](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during June 1 to 6, 2023. (File No. J2401A, Assessment No. 248500)

Adopted

- 67 [RLH AR 23-82](#) Ratifying the assessments for Equipment and Labor for Clean Up services during June 2023. (File No. J2403A, Assessment No. 248502)

Adopted

- 69 [RLH AR 23-85](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during May 2023. (File No. J2401B, Assessment No. 248100)

Adopted

- 70 [RLH AR 23-86](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services during March 22 to April 21, 2023. (File No. J2401E, Assessment No. 248300)

Adopted

- 71 [RLH AR 23-87](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during May 8 to June 8, 2023. (File No. J2401P, Assessment No. 248400)

Adopted

- 72 [RLH AR 23-88](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean services during July 5 to 13, 2023. (File No. J2404A, Assessment No. 248503)

Adopted

- 73 [RLH AR 23-89](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean services during July 14 to 25, 2023. (File No. J2405A, Assessment No. 248504)

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 22 [RES 24-101](#) Honoring the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:38 PM

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