



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 24, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 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 [AO 24-4](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for 331 Lawson W, 132 Western, 864 Marion, 1600 7th St W, 1366 Fremont, and 969 Arcade (Liberty Tax), to be funded with vacant hazardous undesignated funds, and ESNDP Payne Avenue Business Inv Fund (BIF).

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 24-5](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for 2024 District Council Community Engagement program.

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 Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 23-1930](#) Renaming Elway Street from West Seventh Street to Shepard Road as Lexington Parkway and renaming Glen Terrace/Crosby Pointe driveway to Elway Street.
Adopted
- 4 [RES 24-37](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during October 20 to 25, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 20, 2024 and City Council public hearing for April 3, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2413A, Assessment No. 248512)
Adopted
- 5 [RES 24-39](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Equipment and Labor for Clean Up services during September to October 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 20, 2024 and City Council public hearing for April 3, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2412A, Assessment No. 248511)
Adopted
- 6 [RES 24-100](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs incurred during the firefighter interview process taking place on January 16-26, 2024 at Fire Department headquarters.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 24-109](#) Approving the Pay Equity Implementation Report for submission to the State of Minnesota Management and Budget.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 24-112](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a Limited License Agreement with WSB LLC and provide indemnification for WSB LLC for use of consultant's electronic documents for The Heights project.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 24-117](#) Approving the addition of a Gambling on Location license to the existing Liquor License On sale - 100 seats or less; Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) and Entertainment (A) licenses for Barrio Holdings, LLC d/b/a Barrio Tequila bar (License ID# 20110001529) for the premises located at 235 6th Street East.
Adopted
- 10 [RES 24-119](#) Approving the Liquor On Sale - 181-290 Seats; Liquor on Sale Sunday; liquor On Sale 2am; Gambling Location; and Entertainment (B) licenses for Da Fa Inc, d/b/a Jackey's Peg Leg (License ID #20230002034) for the premises located at 380 Cedar Street.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 24-120](#) Approving the sub lease for the Office of Neighborhood Safety.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-121](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Saint Paul Manual & Maintenance Supervisors Association for the purpose of establishing on-call pay for employees assigned to pump stations in Saint Paul Regional Water Services. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Laid over to February 7, 2024

- 13 [RES 24-122](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale - 101-180 seats; Liquor On Sale - Sunday; and Entertainment (A) licenses now held by Palmar Mexican Restaurant & Mariscos LLC, d/b/a Palmar Mexican Restaurant (License ID #20230001986) for the premises located at 883 Payne Ave.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-139](#) Authorizing the Police Department to expense costs associated with the assessors for Police Officer exams taking place January 16-18, 2024 and June 3-5, 2024.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 24-140](#) Approving the appointments of Councilmembers Saura Jost and HwaJeong Kim as members of the Audit Committee.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION**SUSPENSION ITEMS**

[SR 24-5](#) Public Works update on snow plowing operations.

Received and Filed

[RES 24-148](#) Recognizing Peter Warner's career with the City of Saint Paul and congratulating him on his retirement.

Adopted

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

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

- 16 [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.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 17 [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 February 7, 2024 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES PH 24-4](#) Approving the petition of Timothy A. Thrush, on behalf of William Grieman, to vacate the north half of an alley turn-around behind 1498 Albany Avenue.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 24-13](#) Approving the application of the Minnesota United FC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Ave. N.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES PH 24-16](#) Approving the host issuance by the City of Mendota of one or more series of

conduit revenue bonds, approving a Bond Compliance and Fee Agreement, and authorizing the execution of documents relating thereto, all for the Hourcar Project located at 206 Wabasha Street (District 3, Ward 2).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21** [RES PH 24-17](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to accept a \$317,800 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and authorizing a corresponding budget amendment.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22** [RES PH 24-18](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Safety and Inspections in the amount of \$65,000 for the 2024 Building Official Training (BOT) from the Minnesota Department of Labor.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 23** [RES PH 24-20](#) Authorizing the granting of a license and parkland diversion to the petitioner at 359 Winslow Avenue within the Prospect Boulevard.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [RES PH 24-22](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into the attached contract with the State of Minnesota, through its Commissioner of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 41** [RLH TA 24-21](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1540 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
- Public hearing closed and laid over to February 7, 2023**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
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- 57** [RLH AR 23-93](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during April 24 to May 19, 2023. (File No. J2402E, Assessment No. 248301)
- Adopted as amended (1531 Margaret St referred to February 6, 2024 Legislative Hearing)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- 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 Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 25** [RLH VO 23-37](#) Appeal of Ronald Staeheli to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 358 ARBOR STREET.
- Public hearing continued to February 14, 2024**
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- 26** [RLH TA 23-404](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 522 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2402E, Assessment No. 248301)
- Adopted**
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- 27** [RLH RR 23-50](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 594 BRUNSON STREET within fifteen (15) days after the November 1, 2023, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted

- 28 [RLH TA 24-39](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1008 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
- Adopted**
- 29 [RLH TA 24-35](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2135 CASE AVENUE. (File No. 2401T, Assessment No. 249000)
- Adopted**
- 30 [RLH TA 24-26](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 826 COMO AVENUE. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
- Adopted**
- 31 [RLH RR 23-65](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 587 COOK AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-27.
- Adopted**
- 32 [RLH TA 23-408](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1643-1645 DIETER STREET. (File No. J2402E, Assessment No. 248301) (Refer to February 20, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
- Referred to February 20, 2024 Legislative Hearing**
- 33 [RLH TA 24-36](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 643 ELFELT STREET. (File No. 2401T, Assessment No. 249000)
- Adopted**
- 34 [RLH VBR 24-1](#) Appeal of Mike Reimann to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 1247 FIFTH STREET EAST.
- Adopted**
- 35 [RLH TA 24-32](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 892 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. CRT2401, Assessment No. 248200)
- Adopted**
- 36 [RLH TA 23-381](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 244 GRAND AVENUE (BURGER KING). (File No. J2402E, Assessment No. 248301)
- Adopted**
- 37 [RLH TA 24-18](#) Denying for a deletion or refund of Council File RLH AR 23-14 approving the Ratifying of the assessment adopted by Council on March 22, 2023 at 1689 JULIET AVENUE. (File No. VB2305, Assessment No. 228804)
- Adopted**

- 38 [RLH SAO 23-49](#) Appeal of Steve Gorg to a Summary Abatement Order at 1947 LINCOLN AVENUE.
Adopted
- 39 [RLH TA 24-19](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1470 KENT STREET. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 23-411](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1235 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2402E, Assessment No. 248301)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH TA 24-22](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 522 MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOULEVARD NORTH. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH TA 24-30](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1340 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. CRT2401, Assessment No. 248200)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH TA 24-25](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1055 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
Adopted
- 45 [RLH TA 23-378](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1556 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J2402E, Assessment No. 248301)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 46 [RLH TA 24-31](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 261 SIDNEY STREET EAST. (File No. CRT2401, Assessment No. 248200)
Adopted
- 47 [RLH TA 24-23](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1031 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
Adopted
- 48 [RLH TA 23-395](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 437 STRYKER AVENUE. (File No. J2402E, Assessment No. 248301)
Adopted
- 49 [RLH RR 23-59](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1457 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-19. (Public hearing continued to December 20, 2023)

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 50 [RLH TA 24-33](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1491 (1475) UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2402P, Assessment No. 248401)
Adopted
- 51 [RLH TA 24-27](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1941 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST (ALSO 1935 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST). (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
Adopted as amended (assessment made payable over 5 years)
- 52 [RLH TA 23-389](#) Ratifying of the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 410 VAN DYKE STREET adopted by Council under File No. RLH AR 20-152. (File No. J2102B1, Assessment No. 218107)
Adopted
- 53 [RLH SAO 24-1](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 763 WEIDE STREET in Council File RLH SAO 23-52. (Legislative Hearing on January 23, 2024)
Amended and public hearing continued to February 14, 2024
- 54 [RLH TA 24-24](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1018 WILSON AVENUE. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
Adopted
- 55 [RLH SAO 23-51](#) Appeal of Royce Sistad to a Summary Abatement Order at 183 WYOMING STREET EAST.
Adopted
- 56 [RLH AR 23-91](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during June 2023. (File No. J2402B, Assessment No. 248101)
Adopted
- 58 [RLH AR 24-3](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 13, 2022 to May 18, 2023. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)
Adopted
- 59 [RLH AR 24-4](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services billed during July 11 to 20, 2023. (File No. J2402P, Assessment No. 248401)
Adopted
- 60 [RLH AR 24-5](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree services during June to August 2023. (File No. 2401T, Assessment No. 249000)

Adopted

- 61 [RLH AR 24-14](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during April 11 to June 22, 2023. (File No. CRT2401, Assessment No. 248200)

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 5:10 PM

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