



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

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Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

- Present** 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Saura Jost
- Absent** 2 - Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-6](#) Amending ARP project budgets: Shifting half of funds from existing "LOCAL Fund" project into new "LOCAL Fund Worker Ownership" project to better reflect two separate initiatives included in project.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-7](#) Shifting funds between ARP Accounting Unit level expense Account Codes to reflect project-level budgeting.
Received and Filed

ROLL CALL

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

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

- 3** [RES 24-71](#) Authorizing accounts receivable write-offs.
- Adopted**
- 4** [RES 24-98](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works Sewer Utility to accept Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) funds from the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA), and authorizing City staff to execute a grant agreement on behalf of the City for the Bush Desoto Stormwater Pond Improvements Project.
- Adopted**
- 5** [RES 24-126](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage license now held by Swen Ventures LLC, d/b/a Green Line Auto Service and Tire (License ID #20230001975) for the premises located at 1695 University Avenue West.
- Adopted**
- 6** [RES 24-130](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 5 to September 19, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 5, 2024 and City Council public hearing for April 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2406, Assessment No. 248805)
- Adopted**
- 7** [RES 24-131](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during October 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 5, 2024 and City Council public hearing for April 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2406B, Assessment No. 248105)
- Adopted**
- 8** [RES 24-132](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during September 25 to October 30, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 5, 2024 and City Council public hearing for April 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2405, Assessment No. 248204)
- Adopted**
- 9** [RES 24-133](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during August 22 to September 20, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 5, 2024 and City Council public hearing for April 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against

individual properties. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-134](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services billed during August 15 to October 30, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 5, 2024 and City Council public hearing for April 17, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2404P, Assessment No. 248403)
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 24-135](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during October to November 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 5, 2024 and City Council public hearing for April 17, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2404T, Assessment No. 249003)
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 24-138](#) Approving adverse action against the Tree Trimmer and 1 Tree Trimmer Vehicle license applications submitted by Metro Tree & Stump Service d/b/a Metro Tree & Stump Service (License ID# 20190002218) for the premises located at 10101 Naples Street North East in Blaine.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 24-142](#) Approving the Malt On Sale (Strong), Wine On Sale, Entertainment (A), and Liquor - Outdoor Service Area (Patio) licenses for Dukem Restaurant & Lounge d/b/a Dukem Restaurant (License ID #20230001620) for the premises located at 2516 Seventh Street West.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 24-143](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for M'ER Produce LLC, d/b/a M'ER Kafe (License ID #20230002035), for Wine On Sale and Malt On Sale (Strong) licenses, located at 1001 Johnson Parkway Suite P6.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 24-145](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a Subrecipient agreement with American Lung Association for the expansion of the EV Spot Network on the east side of the city.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 24-149](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Tobacco Shop license now held by Sanaa LLC d/b/a Twins Market & Meat (License ID #20240000006) for the premises located at 1055 Fourth Street East.
- Adopted**
- 17 [RES 24-150](#) Approving adverse action against the Gas Tobacco Shop license held by I Mart St Paul d/b/a I Mart St Paul (License ID # 20230000995) for the premises

located at 296 Seventh Street East.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 24-154](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale 101 - 180 seats and Liquor On Sale - Sunday licenses now held by Andiamo St Paul LLC d/b/a Andiamo Italian Ristorante (License ID #20230002259) for the premises located at 80 Snelling Avenue North.
- Adopted**
- 19 [RES 24-156](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Tobacco Shop license now held by Bricks Snacks & Tobacco d/b/a Bricks Snacks & Tobacco (License ID #20230002089) for the premises located at 879 Fremont Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 20 [RES 24-160](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all travel expenses for three Minnesota State Patrol employees to attend the 2024 Helicopter Rescue Summit & Heli Expo in Anaheim, CA on February 25-29, 2024.
- Adopted**
- 21 [RES 24-163](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept a donation of \$1,000 from the Saint Patrick's Association.
- Adopted**
- 22 [RES 24-165](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Trunk Highway 51 (Snelling) Project from Montreal to Ford Parkway.
- Adopted**
- 23 [RES 24-166](#) Authorizing the City to grant a Temporary Revocable License on behalf of the Police Department (SPPD) for lease of 235 Maryland Ave E. with Shindler/West Finance Partners for canine training.
- Adopted**
- 24 [RES 24-167](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to expend an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the purpose of providing refreshments, marketing materials, recognition items, and other incentives for various activities, programs, volunteers, and events throughout 2024.
- Adopted**
- 25 [RES 24-169](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs for Fire Department training and/or costs associated with unplanned emergency response incidents in 2024.
- Adopted**
- 26 [RES 24-170](#) Approving the use or non-use of a Project Labor Agreement on Department of

Parks and Recreation construction projects for the first half of 2024.

Adopted

- 27 [RES 24-173](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Entertainment (B) licenses now held by Peachtree Hospitality management LLC d/b/a Double Tree By Hilton St Paul East (License ID #20230002318) for the premises located at 2201 Burns Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 28 [RES 24-176](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for 2024 Traffic Safety Vehicle Grants, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).
- Adopted**
- 29 [RES 24-183](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of its Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to participate in Minnesota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).
- Adopted**
- 30 [RES 24-184](#) Authorizing the non-use of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the Sherburne Collective project at 652 Sherburne Avenue (District 7, Ward 1).
- Adopted**
- 31 [RES 24-195](#) Authorizing a professional services contract with Messerli Kramer, P.A.
- Adopted**
- 32 [RES 24-197](#) Authorizing a professional services contract with Almeida Public Affairs, Inc.
- Adopted**
- 33 [RES 24-198](#) Authorizing a professional services contract with Primacy Strategy Group.
- Adopted**
- 34 [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.
- Adopted**

FOR DISCUSSION

- 35 [RES 24-205](#) Approving the appointment of Tom Basgen as Legislative Aide in Ward 3.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 36** [RES 24-206](#) Approving the appointment of Abdihamid Badri as Legislative Aide in Ward 5.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 37** [RES 24-207](#) Approving the appointment of Melanie Johnson as Legislative Aide in Ward 7.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 39** [RES 24-209](#) Renaming the portion of St. Anthony Avenue between Western Avenue North and Rice Street to Rondo Avenue.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 38** [RES 24-196](#) Outlining the City's 2024 Legislative Agenda.

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

- 40** [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.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 41** [Ord 24-7](#) Amending the appendix to Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pursuant to Section 17.07.1 of the Charter and Section 409.16 of the Legislative Code to create four (4) distinct Commercial Development Districts within the area known as the Creative Enterprise Zone and allow for nine (9) On-Sale Liquor Licenses of any type, notwithstanding on-sale liquor licenses allowed under § 409 of the Legislative Code, to be distributed among the four (4) Districts.

Amended and laid over to February 14, 2024 for Second Reading

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.

- 42** [RES PH 24-19](#) Approving the application of FrankieBird Productions/Visit Saint Paul for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for Heavy Metal on February 10, 2024 at 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd - Minnesota State Capitol Grounds.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 43** [RES PH 24-21](#) Approving the petition of Antony Dean, Lulu Yin and Michael Goldberg, to vacate Curfew Street between 2510 Beverly Road and 2516 Beverly Road.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 44** [RES PH 24-23](#) Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Police Department ("SPPD"), to accept and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for a Partner Grant from the Capitol Region Watershed District (CWRD).

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 45** [RES PH 24-25](#) Authorizing an increase in the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund Budgets in the amount of \$3,360,000 to reflect the multi-year Legacy Grant received from the State of Minnesota for arts and cultural heritage at the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 46** [RES PH 24-26](#) Accepting the American Lung Association extension grant for a Department of Energy sub-recipient grant as awarded via RES 24-145 and amending the financing and spending in the Public Works grant budget in the amount of \$560,844.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 47** [RES PH 24-27](#) Approving the application of Burger Moe's for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the St Patrick's Day/Lucky Palooza events on March 16, 2024 and March 17, 2024 at 242 Seventh Street West - Burger Moe's parking lot.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 48** [RES PH 24-28](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$97,900 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) to pay for training for firefighters.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 49** [RES PH 24-29](#) Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto) and amending the operating budget for the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program for Project for Pride in Living, Inc., ("PPL") for its site at 892 Seventh Street East (District 4, Ward 6).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 50** [RES PH 24-31](#) Approving the host issuance by the City of Lilydale of one or more series of conduit revenue bonds, approving a Bond Compliance and Fee Agreement, and authorizing the execution of documents for the Playwrights' Center Project located at 710 Raymond Avenue (District 12, Ward 4).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 51** [RES PH 24-33](#) Amending the 2024 spending and financing plans for the City Hall Annex to reestablish a budget to make physical improvements within portions of the downtown skyway system.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 52** [RLH TA 24-21](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1540 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB2402, Assessment No. 248801)

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 56** [RLH VBR 24-4](#) Appeal of Tou Yia Vang to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 2164 BUSH AVENUE .

Adopted

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

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

Nay: 0

- 53** [RLH SAO 24-5](#) Appeal of Jacob Lucas to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 29 ACKER STREET WEST.

Adopted

- 54** [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. (Public hearing continued to February 7, 2024)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 55** [RLH RR 23-66](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 621 BIDWELL STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-39.

Referred to February 13, 2024 Legislative Hearing (to return for Council public hearing on February 21, 2024)

- 57** [RLH RR 23-51](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1726 FOURTH STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the November 8, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to grant 180 days, awaiting plan

approval)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 58 [RLH RR 23-67](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1862 IVY AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-29.
Adopted
- 59 [RLH VBR 24-3](#) Appeal of Julie Walters-Lee to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 2130 IVY AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 60 [RLH TA 24-53](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 132 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2402A2, Assessment No. 248519)
Adopted
- 61 [RLH SAO 24-3](#) Appeal of Jacob Lucas to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 28 SYCAMORE STREET WEST.
Adopted
- 62 [RLH SAO 24-4](#) Appeal of Jacob Lucas to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 760 SYLVAN STREET.
Adopted
- 63 [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 21, 2024
- 64 [RLH RR 23-44](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1213 WOODBRIDGE STREET within fifteen (15) days after the September 13, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to Legislative Hearing March 12, 2024)

Referred to March 12, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 65 [RLH VBR 24-6](#) Appeal of Jake Johnson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 880 YORK AVENUE.
Adopted
- 66 [RLH AR 23-96](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during August 8 to 11, 2023 (File No. J2406A, Assessment No. 248505)
Adopted
- 67 [RLH AR 23-97](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during August 14 to 22, 2023 (File No. J2407A, Assessment No. 248506)

Adopted

- 68 [RLH AR 23-98](#) Ratifying the assessments for Equipment and Labor for Clean Up services during July to August 2023 (File No. J2408A, Assessment No. 248507)

Adopted

- 69 [RLH AR 23-99](#) Ratifying the assessments for Miscellaneous Abatement services during July to August 2023 (File No. J2409A, Assessment No. 248508)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:57 PM

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