



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, March 6, 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 24-13](#) Allocating undesignated Neighborhood STAR YR balances to wards (1 through 7 and mayor's office).
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-17](#) Amending the Capital Improvement Budget to allocate funding for 2024 capital maintenance and Phase Two Deferred Maintenance projects to the appropriate departments, as recommended by the Capital Improvement Budget Committee and Mayor.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-18](#) Amending the 2024 spending budget by \$1,000,000 in the Department of Public Works Sewers Utility Fund Programmed Inspections accounting unit for additional projects at Mounds-English, Como-Rose and other areas to keep up with upcoming City, County and State transportation projects in the 2024 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Sewers Utility Fund Sewer Inflow and Infiltration accounting unit.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 24-19](#) Amending the 2024 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Street Lighting Maintenance accounting unit to account for wire theft replacement and prevention expenditures in the amount of \$300,000.
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

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 5** [RES 24-280](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 5 to October 20, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 2, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 15, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2407, Assessment No. 248806)
- Adopted**
- 6** [RES 24-281](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 2, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 15, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2407B, Assessment No. 248106)
- Adopted**
- 7** [RES 24-282](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services during September 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 2, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 15, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2402C, Assessment No. 242001)
- Adopted**
- 8** [RES 24-283](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during February 28 to December 19, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 2, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 15, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2406, Assessment No. 248205)
- Adopted**
- 9** [RES 24-284](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during September 22 to October 19, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 2, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 15, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2407E, Assessment No. 248306)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-285](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during March 21 to November 13, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 2, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 15, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2405P, Assessment No. 248404)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-286](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during December 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 2, 2024 and City Council public hearing for May 16, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2405T, Assessment No. 249004)

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-310](#) Approving adverse action against the Tobacco Shop license held by 1NE Stop Food Market INC d/b/a 1NE Stop Food Market INC (License ID #20220001938) for the premises located at 604 Western Avenue North.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 24-314](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO Local 21 for the purpose of establishing differential pay for Basic Life Support (BLS) employees.

Laid over to March 13, 2024

- 14 [RES 24-316](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to apply for \$38,250 in grant funding from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation for guaranteed income payments.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 24-318](#) Accepting the gift of the cost of registration, hotel, and airfare expenses from the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) for Brittney Baker, Christyn Lewis, and Ken Adams to attend the NASEMSO conference being held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania May 14-16, 2024.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 24-319](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all travel expenses of airfare, lodging, and meals for Ken Adams, a retired Saint Paul Fire Department employee to attend the National Association of State EMS Officials (NASEMSO) conference from May 14-16, 2024 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 24-323](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Gas Station, Tobacco Shop and Malt Off Sale license now held by Dale Inc. d/b/a Kitty's Corner 3 (License ID #20230001816) for the premises located at 626 Larpenteur Avenue West.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 24-326](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$1,351,050 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide paramedic training and peer group support and purchase fire hose, turnout gear, fire extinguisher trainer, and power loads for ambulances.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 24-331](#) Approving the settlement agreement and release between Defendants City of Saint Paul, John Corcoran, Melissa Joly, Marshall Titus and John Doe, and Plaintiff Jill Mollner.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 24-335](#) Approving the agreement between the Department of Safety and Inspections and the Association for Non-Smokers-Minnesota effective November 1, 2023 through October 21, 2024 and accepting a grant of a minimum of \$10,000 to enable DSI to limit youth/underage access to tobacco products.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 24-339](#) Appointing and authorizing the execution of a Master Legal Services Agreement with Barna, Guzy & Steffen, Ltd.

Adopted**SUSPENSION ITEM**

- [RES 24-386](#) Calling for an immediate and permanent mutual ceasefire in Israel and Gaza.

Councilmember Johnson moved suspension of the rules. Approved 7-0.

Council President Jalali gave introductory remarks.

Johnson read from the resolution and moved approval.

Councilmember Jost spoke in support.

Johnson spoke in support.

Councilmember Yang spoke in support.

Councilmember Kim spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.

Jalali spoke in support.

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.

- 22** [RES PH 24-40](#) Amending the 2024 Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS) adopted operating budget to reflect accurate fringe close-out in SPRWS's capital project accounting units in the amount of \$171,582.
- Councilmember Noecker moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 23** [RES PH 24-45](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, Erin Whipkey, Campus Life for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 17, 2024 at 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas, Lower Quad.
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 24** [RES PH 24-46](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$813,236 to reflect additional 2024 funding expected from Como Friends.
- Councilmember Jost moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 25** [RES PH 24-47](#) Authorizing the Police Department to amend the 2024 Budget to accurately reflect the award of the 2023 COPS Microgrants - Community Policing Development in the amount of \$175,000.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 24-48](#) Amending the 2024 Operating Budget financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Solid Waste and Recycling 2024 special fund, to make planned investments in solid waste services collection vehicles.

Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works, gave a staff report alongside Sarah Haas, Solid Waste Manager, and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 28** [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.

Councilmember Noecker: I would like to move a one-week layover of Item 28. I haven't had a chance to discuss it yet with the Legislative Hearing Officer.

Public hearing continued to March 13, 2024

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

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

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

- 27** [RLH SAO 24-9](#) Appeal of Augustine Sylvester to a Summary Abatement Order at 1341 CASE AVENUE.

Adopted

- 29** [RLH SAO 24-17](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1525 MARGARET STREET in Council File RLH SAO 24-15. (March 5, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 30** [RLH VBR 24-11](#) Appeal of William Munson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Summary Abatement Order at 12 OAKLEY AVENUE.

Adopted

- 31** [RLH SAO 24-16](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1472 SHERBURNE AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-8. (March 5, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Adopted as amended (nuisance unabated)

- 32** [RLH RR 24-7](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 871 STICKNEY STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-21.

Adopted

- 33** [RLH RR 23-64](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 829 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-16.

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 34** [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.

Adopted as amended (appeal granted)

- 35** [RLH SAO 24-10](#) Appeal of Joseph W. Guion Jr. to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1655 WILSON AVENUE.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:20 PM

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