



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, April 10, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 2 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Saura Jost

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 24-18](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 291 Stinson Street a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-24](#) Approving the 2024 Fund 200 - City Grants for the Department of Emergency Management to more accurately record expenditures for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-28](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: Funding for 850 Maryland Avenue East (iHeart Pho) project.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 24-30](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate the 2024 Special Fund Budget for the Department of Justice 2020 Comprehensive Opioid & Stimulant Program (COSSAP) in the amount of \$15,000.
Received and Filed
- 5 [AO 24-31](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its MN DPS 2022 SHSP Bomb Grant budget to more accurately record expenditures meeting capital criteria.

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: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

- 6** [RES 24-402](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply for the Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development Grant Funds for projects at 0-1036 Marshall Avenue (Rondo Community Land Trust) and 1570 White Bear Avenue (Gloryville), which will include indemnification obligations.
- Adopted**
- 7** [RES 24-454](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during March 29 to November 14, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 7, 2024 and City Council public hearing for June 26, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2408, Assessment No. 248807)
- Adopted**
- 8** [RES 24-455](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during December 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 7, 2024 and City Council public hearing for June 26, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2408B, Assessment No. 248107)
- Adopted**
- 9** [RES 24-456](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during December 21 to 22, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 7, 2024 and City Council public hearing for June 26, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2407, Assessment No. 248206)
- Adopted**
- 10** [RES 24-457](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during October 23 to November 21, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 7, 2024 and City Council public

hearing for June 26, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2408E, Assessment No. 248307)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-458](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during November 21 to December 8, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 7, 2024 and City Council public hearing for June 26, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2406P, Assessment No. 248405)

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-459](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) during January 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 7, 2024 and City Council public hearing for June 26, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2406T, Assessment No. 249005)

Adopted

- 13 [RES 24-512](#) Supporting a Job Creation Fund application in connection with Simpli-Fi Automation Inc. for a project proposed at 370 Wabasha Street North (District 17, Ward 2).

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-521](#) Approving a Comprehensive Plan amendment for The Heights.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 24-522](#) Changing the rate of pay for Park Security Officer, in EG 12. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Laid over to April 17, 2024

- 16 [RES 24-529](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant in the amount of \$4,623,953 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to hire 12 additional firefighters.

Adopted

- 17 [RES 24-531](#) Approving the addition of the Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) and Gambling Location license to existing Liquor on Sale - 100 seats or less and Liquor on Sale-Sunday licenses for Compass45 Hospitality LLC d/b/a Courtyard by Marriott (License ID# 20230000956) for the premises located at 150 Smith Avenue North.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 24-534](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2023 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in the amount of \$170,000 from the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) to purchase training props and supplies for the

community risk reduction program Project Safe Haven.

Adopted

- 19 [Min 24-12](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2024.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 24-502](#) Authorizing the City to enter a lease amendment with the Board of Water Commissioners.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 24-514](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept state bonding funds and enter into a grant agreement, which includes an indemnification clause.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 23 [RES 24-211](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a detour agreement with the State of Minnesota, acting through its Commissioner of Transportation for the Trunk Highway 51 - Snelling Avenue project from St. Clair Avenue to Grand Avenue. (laid over from April 3, 2024)

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

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

- 24 [Ord 24-5](#) Amending Chapter 63 of the Legislative Code pertaining to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in surface parking lots.

Amended and laid over to April 17, 2024 for Final Adoption

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

First Reading

- 25 [Ord 24-10](#) Amending Chapter 293 of the Legislative Code to allow certain events to obtain one amplified sound permit for multiple days.
- Amended and laid over to April 17, 2024 for Second Reading**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 26 [Ord 24-12](#) Granting the application of Robert Anderson et. al to rezone property at 964 Payne Avenue from H2 residential to B2 community business and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.
- Laid over to April 17, 2024 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

FOR DISCUSSION

- 20 [RES 24-540](#) Honoring the life of Col. Moua Sue and proclaiming Monday, February 5, 2024, as Col. Moua Sue Day in the City of Saint Paul.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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- 27 [APC 24-1](#) Considering the appeal of Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC to the Planning Commission decisions for a proposed development on property at 1566 University Avenue West.
- Councilmember Bowie moved the motion of intent as follows:*

Appeal of Variance 3 be granted with the following conditions:

- 1. Final plans approved by the Zoning Administrator for this use shall be in substantial compliance with the plans submitted and approved as part of this application.*
- 2. The United Village Final Plat shall be approved by the City Council and recorded with the county recorder and/or registrar of titles.*
- 3. The driveway shall be for one-way westbound traffic only. Signage shall be installed indicating that no parking is permitted in the driveway and that the driveway is for check-in/check-out, pick-up/drop-off, and valet only. Signage shall indicate stopping in the bypass lane is prohibited.*
- 4. The driveway shall be for passenger vehicles only as the site design cannot accommodate turning movements for larger vehicles.*
- 5. There shall be a direct pedestrian connection between the sidewalk along University Avenue and the primary hotel entrance. The connection shall be reviewed and approved by Public Works.*
- 6. There shall be a landscape buffer between the sidewalk along University Avenue and the driveway.*
- 7. There shall be a sidewalk width of 18' along University Avenue.*
- 8. The owner/operator is solely responsible for ensuring the driveway operates in a safe manner for all users and does not result in adverse impacts to the public road system. If the owner/operator is unable to manage the driveway in a safe manner that avoids adverse impacts to the public road system the City reserves the right to require closure of the driveway access points at the cost of the owner/operator. The owner/operator must at all times maintain an operating plan for the driveway and must provide it to the City upon request. This initial plan must be reviewed and approved by the Public Works Traffic Engineer during site plan review. Specifics to be addressed shall include: 1) document protocols, enforcement, and signage to limit the driveway to passenger vehicles, to manage the bypass lane, to prohibit parking and ultimately to assure no adverse impacts to the public road system; 2) quantify driveway use, frequency, volume, and peak times, etc.; 3) document how Metro Mobility, delivery vehicles, limousines, buses etc. will be accommodated and serve the site without adversely impacting the public road system.*

Appeal of Variance 5 be granted to remove Condition 5.

Appeal of Variance 6 be granted to remove Condition 6.

Motion of intent is that the appeal be granted with conditions.

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

28 [RES PH 24-50](#)

Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to accept grant funds from the Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation, and to amend the financing and spending plan, in the amount of \$38,250, for guaranteed income payments.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

- 29** [RES PH 24-72](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, Aaron Fimon, Public Safety Manager, for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 4, 2024 at 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas, O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

- 30** [RES PH 24-73](#) Approving the application of WestSide Boosters Youth Athletics for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 179 Robie Street.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

- 31** [RES PH 24-74](#) Authorizing the City, on behalf of the Police Department ("SPPD"), to accept and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for a Youth Intervention Programs Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

- 32** [RES PH 24-75](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$35,000 for planned expenses related to the Shared Micro-mobility System.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

- 33** [RES PH 24-77](#) Authorizing the City's sponsorship of a Minnesota Investment Fund application by Simpli-Fi Automation Inc. for a project proposed at 370 Wabasha Street

North (District 17, Ward 2).

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

- 34** [RES PH 24-78](#) Approving a budget amendment allocating \$27,550 for a geothermal feasibility study at the Como Hamline Avenue campus.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 35** [RLH VO 24-9](#) Appeal of Lakeisha Lee to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint (which includes condemnation) at 273 COTTAGE AVENUE WEST.

Public hearing closed and laid over to April 17, 2024 (with condition that building remain unoccupied)

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

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LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Jost

- 36** [RLH VBR 24-22](#) Appeal of Taronda Richardson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 638 DALE STREET NORTH.

Adopted

- 37 [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 July 10, 2024)

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 38 [RLH VBR 24-13](#) Appeal of Roger and Lana Cheatham to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1769 SAINT ANTHONY AVENUE.

Adopted

- 39 [RLH SAO 24-21](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1655 WILSON AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-10.

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 5:51 PM

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