



City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd
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Meeting Minutes

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, May 22, 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 HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
- Absent** 2 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember Anika Bowie

ROLL CALL

- Present** 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
- Absent** 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

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 Johnson moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0

- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 1 [RES 24-498](#) Authorizing use of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for The Heights Habitat for Humanity Phase I (District 2, Ward 6).

Adopted

- 2 [RES 24-520](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Data Practices Specialist, in EG 02, AFSCME Technical, Grade 039. (To be withdrawn.)
Laid over to June 5, 2024
- 3 [RES 24-526](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Data Practices Supervisor, EG 09. (To be withdrawn.)
Laid over to June 5, 2024
- 4 [RES 24-629](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish & Garbage Clean Up services during February 1 to 12, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 18, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 7, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524)
Adopted
- 5 [RES 24-630](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish & Garbage Clean Up services during February 14 to 27, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 18, 2024 and City Council public hearing for August 7, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2421R, Assessment No. 248526)
Adopted
- 6 [RES 24-697](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from the Minnesota Bonsai Society for Reva Kos to attend the Bonsai Master Training by Michael Hagedorn in Milwaukie, Oregon from July 18-20th, 2024.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 24-718](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to apply for grant funds of up to \$1,000,000 from the Innovative Finance and Asset Concession Grant Program through GFOA's Putting Asset to Work initiative to support an asset scan of City-owned property and related work.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 24-735](#) Approving issuance of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loans in the combined amount of \$520,000 to Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services and execution of loan agreements for 729 Burr Street and 930 York Avenue under the Inspiring Communities program (District 5, Wards 2 and 6).
Adopted
- 9 [RES 24-736](#) Approving issuance of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loan in the amount of \$270,000 and execution of a loan agreement for the American House Project located at 352 Wacouta Street (District 17, Ward 2).
Adopted

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- 10 [RES 24-742](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor Off Sale and Tobacco Shop license now held by Sardul LLC d/b/a J's Wine and Spirits (License ID #20240000437) for the premises located at 2389 University Avenue West.
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 24-743](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage (License ID #20240000516) for the premises located at 1324 Arcade Street Suite A.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 24-770](#) Approving a Transportation Network Company license to Wheels LLC d/b/a MyWeels (License ID 20240000633) for the premises located at 413 Wacouta Street.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 24-776](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Tri-Council LIUNA Laborers, Local 363, for the purpose of establishing and clarifying requirements for the newly created Utility Trainee classification.
- Laid over to June 5, 2024**
- 14 [Min 24-18](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2024.
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 24-748](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Library Safety Specialist, EG 02.
- Laid over to June 5, 2024**
- 16 [RES 24-778](#) Appointing Iverson Reuvers as Special Counsel for Purposes of Providing Legal Advice, Counsel, and Representation in Civil Lawsuits Involving the City.
- Adopted**

FOR DISCUSSION

- 17 [RES PH 24-106](#) Approving the application of Skinner's Pub for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Tuesdays, June 4 - September 24, 2024 at 919 Randolph Avenue - Skinner's Pub. (Public hearing closed and laid over from May 15, 2024)
- Councilmember Noecker moved Version 2. Approved 6-0.*
- Noecker spoke to the amended version and moved approval.*
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 18** [RES PH 24-70](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the Robert Street Project.
Councilmember Bowie moved approval.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 19** [RES PH 24-71](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to close out 2020 and 2021 projects.
Councilmember Kim moved approval.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 20** [RES PH 24-95](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$182,979 for the transfer of funds from the Twins Grant Special Fund Budget to the Victoria Park Capital Project Fund for project enhancements.
Councilmember Noecker moved approval.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 21** [RES PH 24-116](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$219,070 from the Ramsey County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) for the Fish Hatchery Trail project.
Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 22** [RES PH 24-117](#) Approving the application of Ka Vang for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 8, 2024 and June 9, 2024 at 425 Rice St - parking lot.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 23** [RES PH 24-119](#) Approving the application of Podium Sports Marketing for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 1, 2024 at 226 Spring St - Upper Landing Park.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 24** [RES PH 24-120](#) Approving the application of Rondo Days LLC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 271 Mackubin St - Martin Luther King Recreation Center.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 25** [RES PH 24-121](#) Authorizing the Office of Neighborhood Safety to use fund balance, accumulated and unspent in 2023, to increase the financing and spending budgets in the Office of Neighborhood Safety Special Fund by \$3,598,936.

(Public hearing closed, laid over from June 5, 2024)

Councilmember Johnson moved to close the public hearing and lay over for two weeks..

Public hearing closed and laid over to June 5, 2024

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 26** [RES PH 24-122](#) Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$400,000 for three grants awarded from the Metropolitan Council's equity grant program.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 27** [RLH RR 24-15](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 706 CONWAY STREET within fifteen (15) days after the May 15, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 28** [RLH SAO 24-27](#) Appeal of Annette Ebelhar to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 408 HAZELWOOD STREET.

Adopted

- 29 [RLH VO 24-17](#) Appeal of Patricia Whitney for Luke Nilles to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate at 891 IGLEHART AVENUE.

Adopted

- 30 [RLH VBR 24-29](#) Appeal of Shai Leibovich and Carolyn Brown to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 140 ISABEL AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 31 [RLH SAO 24-7](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 265 PAGE STREET WEST in Council File SAO 23-54.

Adopted

- 32 [RLH RR 24-13](#) First Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1356 REANEY AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 23-23. (Amend to grant 180 days)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 33 [RLH VO 24-4](#) Appeal of Raj Mehta to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes condemnation) at 220 ROBERT STREET SOUTH. (Refer to January 7, 2025 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to January 7, 2025 Legislative Hearing

- 34 [RLH FCO 24-35](#) Appeal of Gloria Berg to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 123 WHEELER STREET SOUTH

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT****Meeting ended at 3:43 PM**

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