



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, July 17, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:3 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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-51](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: \$45,000 of funding for 655 Payne (La Palma) and \$270,090 of funding for American House rehabilitation to be funded with the Business Investment Fund, Citywide 30% AMI Housing Program, and the Housing Real Estate Multi-Unit Development Fund.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-54](#) Amending ESG Project Budgets: Reallocating funding for the 2022-23 Emergency Solutions Grant activities administered by Ramsey County per the Joint Powers Agreement approved via RES 19-2110.
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 Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 3 [RES 24-939](#) Authorizing the City to make a \$1,941,711 correction to the Electric Vehicle Maintenance fund budget in specific projects and accounts to align with actual spending.
Adopted
- 4 [RES 24-1006](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreement (May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2027) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to July 24, 2024
- 5 [RES 24-1007](#) Authorizing the City's Emergency Management Department to apply for, and accept if granted, the Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) Equipment Grant Program.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 24-1009](#) Approving two polling location changes for the 2024 elections (wards 4 and 7).
Adopted
- 7 [RES 24-1026](#) Approving the Como Regional Park Long-Range Plan.
Withdrawn
- 8 [RES 24-948](#) Changing the rate of pay for Meter Reader Coordinator, EG 01, AFSCME Clerical.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 24-949](#) Changing the rate of pay for Sewer Pumping Station Operator, EG 12.
Adopted

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

SUSPENSION ITEMS

- [RES 24-1037](#) Approving the application for change of ownership for 1881 By Lake Elmo Inn INC d/b/a 1881 By Lake Elmo Inn for the Liquor On Sale - 181-290 Seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday & Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio), (License ID #20240000932) for the premises located at 214 4th Street East.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

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

- 10** [Ord 24-15](#) Amending Chapter 67 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the EG East Grand Avenue Overlay District.
- Amended, public hearing reopened, and laid over to August 7, 2024 for Final Adoption**
- 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.

- 11** [Ord 24-17](#) Amending Title XII of the Legislative Code to add Chapter 143 titled Comprehensive Downtown Improvement Special Service District.
- Laid over to July 24, 2024 for Final Adoption**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 12** [RES PH 24-157](#) Adopting the 2025 Operating Plan for the Comprehensive Downtown Improvement Special Service District and imposing a service charge pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 428A.
- Public hearing closed and laid over to July 24, 2024**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 13** [RES PH 24-160](#) Approving the applications of the Minnesota United FC for sound level variance applications in order to present amplified sound on July 20, and August 24, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with pre-event sound checks at 4:30 p.m., within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 14** [RES PH 24-161](#) Approving the application of Rondo Community Coalition for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 820 Rondo Avenue - Rondo Commemorative Plaza.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 15** [RES PH 24-165](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept \$285,000 in additional funds and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for an amended award from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the Enforcement Grant Program 2024 program.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 16** [RES PH 24-166](#) Approving the application of Water Lantern Festival for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on July 27, 2024 at 1400 Phalen Drive - Phalen Park Beach House.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 17 [RES PH 24-167](#) Final Order approving the Mill and Overlay on Concordia/Rondo from Snelling to Marion as part of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program (Project No. MO2403B, Assessment No. 255503).
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 18 [RES PH 24-168](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$397,682 for a reimbursement from the State of Minnesota for equipment for the hazardous materials team.
- 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 24-171](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a purchase agreement for 60 West Sycamore to house the Public Works Solid Waste and Recycle Services; amending the 2024 budget to establish the spending and financing for the purchase; and declaring the official intent of the City to reimburse certain original expenditures related to the capital projects from the proceeds of tax-exempt or taxable bonds to be issued by the City.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 27 [RLH RR 24-26](#) Third Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 733 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH RR 24-8.
- Adopted as amended**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang
- 29 [RLH VBR 24-36](#) Appeal of David Chavez to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 721

FOURTH STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 31 [RLH OA 24-7](#) Appeal of Jonah Martin to an Appeal to Denial of Request for Fence Variance at 1672 MCAFEE STREET.

Adopted as amended (appeal granted in full)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 38 [RLH RR 23-58](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 378 SIMS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 20, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 20 [RLH TA 24-210](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1468 BREDA AVENUE. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312)

Adopted

- 21 [RLH TA 24-212](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1039 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J2409B, Assessment No. 248108)

Adopted

- 22 [RLH SAO 24-39](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2135 CASE AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-35.
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 23 [RLH TA 24-234](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 66 COOK AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312)
Adopted
- 24 [RLH TA 24-219](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1783 DAYTON AVENUE. (File No. VB2409, Assessment No. 248812)
Adopted
- 25 [RLH TA 24-211](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 969 EARL STREET. (File No. J2407P, Assessment No. 248406)
Adopted
- 26 [RLH TA 24-221](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1762 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. VB2409, Assessment No. 248812) (Public hearing continued to August 7, 2024)
Public hearing continued to August 7, 2024
- 28 [RLH SAO 24-40](#) Appeal of Cristy Hahn to a Notice to Cut Tall Grass And/Or Weeds at 957 FLANDRAU STREET.
Adopted
- 30 [RLH TA 24-213](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2044/2048 MARSHALL AVENUE. (File No. J2407P, Assessment No. 248406)
Adopted
- 32 [RLH RR 24-23](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 41 MILLER CREST LANE within fifteen (15) days after the July 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.

Referred to July 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 33 [RLH VBR 24-35](#) Appeal of L Lee Coulter to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 2117 MOHAWK AVENUE.
Adopted
- 34 [RLH RR 24-24](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 2117 MOHAWK AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the July 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.

Referred to July 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing

- 35 [RLH RR 24-25](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1971 NORTONIA AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 23-57.
Adopted
- 36 [RLH VBR 24-37](#) Appeal of Lee Begnaud to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 736 OAKDALE AVENUE.
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 24-231](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1411 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312) (Legislative Hearing on July 16, 2024)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified and made payable over 2 years)
- 39 [RLH SAO 24-33](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2425 YOUNGMAN AVENUE in Council File RLH CO 24-4.
Adopted
- 40 [RLH AR 24-44](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 25 to December 20, 2023. (File No. VB2409, Assessment No. 248812)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH AR 24-45](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2024. (File No. J2409B, Assessment No. 248108)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH AR 24-54](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during December 28 to January 30, 2024. (File No. CRT2408, Assessment No. 248207)
Adopted
- 43 [RLH AR 24-47](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during November 22 to December 22, 2023. (File No. J2409E, Assessment No. 248312)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH AR 24-48](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during December 5 to 14, 2023. (File No. J2407P, Assessment No. 248406)
Adopted
- 45 [RLH AR 24-49](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during February 2024. (File No. 2407T, Assessment No. 249008)
Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:35 PM

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