



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

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, September 25, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting Began 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 24-64](#) Amending the 2024 Regional Water Services spending budget to record the cost-neutral change in spending for the cost of issuance, principal and interest due on PFA note DW09.

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

**A motion was made by Councilmember Jost to Approve the Consent Agenda
The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Nay: 0

- 2 [RES 24-1307](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during April to June 2024, and setting date of legislative hearing for October 3, 2024 and City Council public hearing for November 6, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2403A1, Assessment No. 240115)

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted

- 3 [RES 24-1308](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during April to June 2024, and setting date of legislative hearing for October 3, 2024 and City Council public hearing for November 6, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2403A2, Assessment No. 240116)

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted

- 4 [RES 24-1379](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit an application for \$96,000 in funding from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Conservation Partners Legacy grant program, requiring a ten percent in-kind match, to enhance and restore 23 acres of native woodland habitat at Swede Hollow Park.

Sponsors: Johnson

Adopted

- 5 [RES 24-1380](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle and Auto Repair Garage license now held by Elite Auto LLC d/b/a Elite Auto LLC (License ID #20240001351) for the premises located at 336 Larpenteur Avenue West.

Sponsors: Kim

Adopted

- 6 [RES 24-1391](#) Authorizing the City Council to purchase snacks, water, and light refreshments, for community engagement meetings in 2024 about the 2025 budget.

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted

- 7 [RES 24-1392](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the denial of the Laundry/Dry Cleaning Plant License and adverse action against Global Finance LLC d/b/a Laundry Lounge, (License ID #20230000728) for the premises located at 1047 University Avenue West.

Sponsors: Bowie

Adopted

- 8 [RES 24-1405](#) Consenting to the issuance of Conduit Revenue Bonds by the Port Authority for the benefit of District Energy Saint Paul, Inc. and approving a public hearing.

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted

- 9 [RES 24-1411](#) Authorizing execution and recording of a Memorandum of Plaza License, Operations and Maintenance Agreement between the City and Ecolab USA Inc.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-1414](#) Authorizing City Firefighters to participate in the partnership between the International Association of Fire Firefighters and the Muscular Dystrophy Association by soliciting for donations during the 2024 "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-1416](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of members to the Saint Paul Climate Action and Resilience Plan (CARP) Update Advisory committee of the Climate Justice Advisory Board.

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-1420](#) Accepting the Department Efficiency and Collaboration Study between Parks and Recreation and the Public Library Report conducted by Wilder Research.

Sponsors: Noecker, Jost and Kim

Laid Over to October 23, 2024.

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

Nay: 0

- 13 [RES 24-1354](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, Local 10 in order to correct the wages for Lead Sheet Metal Worker and Sheet Metal Inspector classifications.

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 14 [RES 24-1372](#) Approving the application for a license approval for GB License LLC d/b/a Gopuff for the Liquor Off Sale (License ID #20230002311) for the premises located at 129 State Street. (Laid over from September 18, 2024)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 15 [RES 24-1403](#) Considering the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation submitted by Administrative Law Judge Todnem concerning the cigarette/tobacco license held by Zakariya Abukhudeer, d/b/a The One Stop Market, LLC at 1541 Maryland Avenue East.

Sponsors: Yang

Laid Over to October 2, 2024.

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

Nay: 0

BUDGET ITEMS

The City Council will recess and convene as the Library Board to consider RES 24-1424 requesting that the City levy property taxes for the Saint Paul Public Library Agency.

The Library Board will adjourn and the City Council will reconvene.

- 16 [RES 24-1350](#) Approving a 2025 maximum property tax levy for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA).

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 17 [RES 24-1394](#) Approving a 2025 maximum property tax levy for the City.

Sponsors: Jalali

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.

First Reading

- 18 [Ord 24-24](#) Granting the application of Tegg Holdings LLC to rezone the property at 629 Bush Ave from H2 residential, I1 light industrial, and T2 traditional neighborhood districts to IT transitional industrial district and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.
- Sponsors:** Noecker and Yang
- Laid over to October 2, 2024 for second reading.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 19 [RES PH 24-145](#) Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance costs for 2025. (File No. 18746-24, Assessment No. 247202)
- Sponsors:** Jost
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 20 [RES PH 24-244](#) Approving the application of Twin Cities in Motion for ten (10) sound level variances in order to present amplified sound for announcements, speakers and music on Saturday, October 5, 2024 and Sunday, October 6, 2024 during the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon at the State Capitol Complex, 75 Rev Doctor Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard and nine (9) various other locations (from Mississippi River Boulevard Eustis St to Marshall Ave, Mississippi River Boulevard Blvd and East along Summit Avenue to Selby Avenue and State Capitol).
- Sponsors:** Bowie, Noecker, Jost and Jalali
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0

- 21 [RES PH 24-245](#) Approving the applications of the Minnesota United FC for sound level variance applications in order to present amplified sound on September 28, and October 19, 2024, within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Sponsors: Bowie

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22 [RES PH 24-249](#) Authorizing Fleet to use fund balance to increase the 2024 spending and financing budgets in the Fleet Services Fund by \$1,500,000 to purchase vehicle and equipment replacements to support citywide operations.

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 34 [RLH VO 24-31](#) Appeal of Donald A. Hinrichs to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation & Order to Vacate, Notice to Cut Tall Grass and/or Weeds, and Summary Abatement Order at 995 WAKEFIELD AVENUE.

Sponsors: Johnson

Public Hearing closed. Laid over to October 2, 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

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

- 23** [RLH RR 24-32](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 188 ACKER STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-62. (Public hearing continued to September 25, 2024)

Sponsors: Bowie

Amended and continued to public hearing on October 9, 2024.

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [RLH SAO 24-47](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1302 BAYARD AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-41.

Sponsors: Jost

Adopted

- 25** [RLH RR 24-31](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 594 BRUNSON AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-10.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted as amended. (Granted 180 days.)

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RLH VBR 24-57](#) Appeal of Rashad Kennedy to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 741 CASE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Yang

Amended. (Appeal granted.)

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

Nay: 0

- 27** [RLH SAO 24-62](#) Appeal of Karen Nowak to a Summary Abatement Order at 121 CURTICE STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 28 [RLH RR 24-42](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1262 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 24-2. (September 24, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Sponsors: Johnson

Adopted as amended. (Nuisance abated.)

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

Nay: 0

- 29 [RLH FCO 24-86](#) Appeal of Jaswant Teekasingh to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 159 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WEST.

Sponsors: Bowie

Adopted

- 30 [RLH TA 24-371](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 24-30 to delete the assessment Graffiti Removal services during March 21 to November 13, 2023 at 874 SEVENTH STREET EAST (AKA 876 SEVENTH STREET WEST). (File No. J2405P, Assessment No. 248404)

Sponsors: Johnson

Adopted

- 31 [RLH SAO 24-60](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1941 STANFORD AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-53.

Sponsors: Jost

Adopted as amended. (Nuisance abated.)

- 32 [RLH RR 24-29](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 291 STINSON STREET within fifteen (15) days after the September 4, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Bowie

Adopted as amended. (Granted to remove within 21 days.)

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

Nay: 0

- 33 [RLH TA 24-264](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 298 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2422R1, Assessment No. 248538)

(Public hearing continued to September 25, 2024)

Sponsors: Bowie

Adopted as amended. (Assessment deleted.)

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

Nay: 0

- 35** [RLH TA 24-367](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 23-114 to delete for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during July 26 to August 25, 2023 651 WELLS STREET. (File No. CRT2403, Assessment No. 248202)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:57 PM.

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