



City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd
Floor
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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, October 16, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 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 [CO 24-55](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1784 Norfolk Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-59](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate \$130,000 within its Highland Nine Hole Golf Budget in the 2024 adopted budget to most accurately reflect the projected actual spending by expense category.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-71](#) Amending the 2024 Office of Neighborhood Safety budget to utilize salary savings to pay for rent expenses in the amount of \$17,513.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 24-73](#) Returning the balance of five (5) projects to the Year-Round STAR Program.
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**

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

Nay: 0

- 5 [RES 24-1386](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council for Tax Base Revitalization Account fund for contamination cleanup for a project at 42 Water Street West (Farwell on Water: District Connections and Venue).
Adopted
- 6 [RES 24-1387](#) Authorizing the City to apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for contamination cleanup funding for projects at 530 Wheeler Street (Midway Program Center: YMCA of the North Campus expansion), and 42 Water Street West (Farwell on Water: District Connections and Venue).
Adopted
- 7 [RES 24-1400](#) Approving the May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2027 Maintenance Labor Agreement between the City and the United Association of Plumbers, Local 34 and Sprinkler Fitters, Local Union No. 417 (To be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to October 23, 2024
- 8 [RES 24-1477](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2023/2024 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant in the amount of \$118,230 from the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety for training for firefighters.
Adopted
- 9 [RES 24-1504](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and AFSCME Council 5, Technical - Local 1842 for the purpose of regrading the classifications of DSI Fire Safety Inspector II and DSI Fire Safety Inspector III. (To be laid over one week for adoption)
Laid over to October 23, 2024
- 10 [RES 24-1505](#) Authorizing the Office of Financial Services- Fleet, in partnership with the Fire Department, to apply for the Heavy Duty On-road Replacement Grant program from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to remove older diesel vehicles from operation and partially fund the replacement of them with new, less polluting vehicles.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 24-1506](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department

of Transportation for the East 7th and Arcade Street Project.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-1511](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Operating Engineers Local 49 in order to provide preferred license premium pay for Heavy Equipment Operators in the Saint Paul Regional Water Services. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Laid over to October 23, 2024

- 13 [RES 24-1512](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday and Entertainment (B) license now held by Lucy Bar & Restaurant LLC d/b/a Ethiopian Mesob Restaurant (License ID #20240001343) for the premises located at 1220 Rice Street.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-1513](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs incurred to hold a graduation ceremony for 10 new paramedics on October 24, 2024 at the Wellstone Center.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 24-1524](#) Accepting the donation of conference registration from PFMAM (PFM Asset Management) for City Treasurer Sarah Brown and Debt Manager Neal Younghans to attend the 2024 Minnesota Investment Forum on October 16, 2024.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 24-1526](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 5 Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for TMREIT, LLC.

Adopted

SUSPENSION ITEM

- [RES 24-1538](#) Recognizing the historic agreement between the City of Saint Paul and Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi to co-manage Bruce Vento Sanctuary and honoring Indigenous Peoples Day.

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

- 17 [Ord 24-27](#) Amending Title XXIII of the Legislative Code to add Chapter 224A titled Wage Theft.
Laid over to October 23, 2024 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 18 [RES PH 24-257](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on October 20, 2024 at Harriet Island - 200 Dr Justus Ohage Boulevard.
Adopted
Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 19 [RLH RR 24-17](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 887 CHARLES AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the May 1, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove only) (Public hearing closed and laid over from October 9, 2024)
Referred to November 12, 2024 Legislative Hearing
Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie and Councilmember Jost
Nay: 1 - Councilmember Johnson
- 20 [RLH CO 24-5](#) Appeal of Lesley Anizor to a Correction Notice at 692 WILSON AVENUE. (Public hearing closed and laid over from September 11, 2024)
Adopted
Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

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

Nay: 0

- 21 [RLH RR 24-32](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 188 ACKER STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-62. (Continue public hearing to October 16, 2024)
Adopted as amended
- 22 [RLH VBR 24-50](#) Appeal of Shai Lebovich & Carolyn Brown to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 188 ACKER STREET.
Adopted
- 23 [RLH TA 24-404](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 24-50 to delete for Rubbish & Garbage Clean Up services during February 1 to 12, 2024 at 819 AURORA AVENUE. (File No. J2420R, Assessment No. 248524) at 559 BURLINGTON ROAD.
Adopted
- 24 [RLH SAO 24-34](#) Appeal of Gonzalo R. Sanchez to a Summary Abatement Order at 1040 BUSH AVENUE.
Adopted
- 25 [RLH RR 24-36](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 939 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-6.
Public hearing continued to November 6, 2024
- 26 [RLH SAO 24-66](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2016 FREMONT AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-61.
Adopted
- 27 [RLH RR 24-39](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 195 GOODRICH AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 23-63.
Adopted

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- 28 [RLH TA 24-137](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1157 HERBERT STREET. (File No. J2405E, Assessment No. 248304) (Public hearing continued to October 16, 2024)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 29 [RLH TA 24-340](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 419 HERSCHEL STREET. (File No. CRT2410A, Assessment No. 249212)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 30 [RLH SAO 24-45](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 705 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH SAO 24-29.
Adopted
- 31 [RLH RR 24-37](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 401 ROSE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 24-11.
Public hearing continued to October 23, 2024
- 32 [RLH RR 24-38](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 678 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH RR 24-3.
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 33 [RLH VBR 24-64](#) Appeal of Sharon Lee Anderson to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 697 SURREY AVENUE.
Public hearing continued to October 23, 2024
- 34 [RLH RR 24-35](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 829 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-64. (Public hearing continued to November 6, 2024)
Public hearing continued to November 6, 2024
- 35 [RLH SAO 24-73](#) Making finding on the appealed of Donald A. Hinrichs to a nuisance abatement ordered for 995 WAKEFIELD AVENUE in Council File RLH VO 24-31.
Adopted
- 36 [RLH TA 24-375](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1645 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2411B1, Assessment No. 248111) (Public hearing continued to October 16, 2024)
Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)
- 37 [RLH RR 24-41](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1213 WOODBRIDGE STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-44.
Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:08 PM

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