

City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final City Council

Council President Kathy Lantry
Councilmember Dan Bostrom
Councilmember Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Russ Stark
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Dave Thune
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Wednesday, August 6, 2014

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Public Hearings at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lantry at 3:01 p.m.

Present 7 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, City Council President Kathy Lantry, Councilmember Russ Stark,
Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Dave Thune and
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

The agenda was amended to move Item 22 to the beginning of the public hearings portion of the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

Authorizing the Fire Department to pay for all costs incurred to hold a Safety Camp for Saint Paul youth on July 10-11, 2014 at the Jimmy Lee Recreation Center.

Received and Filed

2 AO 14-40 Amending the 2014 budget of the Emergency Shelter Federal Grants Fund.

Received and Filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: 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 (Items 3 - 28)

Items 7, 19, and 28 were removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

3 RES 14-1306 Approving the appointment of Jonathan Sage-Martinson as Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development.

Adopted

4 RES 14-1321 Appointing Ashley Aram to serve as the Press Secretary - Assistant to the Mayor 1, effective August 4, 2014.

Adopted

Authorizing the Environmental Policy Director in the Mayor's office to apply for a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
Environmental Assistance Grant for Focus Area F, Communities Adapting to Climate Change and Extreme Weather.

Adopted

Authorizing the Director of the Department of Public Works to apply for a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Environmental Assistance Grant for Focus Area E, Environmental Solid Waste Management Practices.

Adopted

8 RES 14-1238 Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council Public Hearing to ratify the assessment for benefits, costs and expenses for the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance for 2013. (File No. 18428-14 Assessment No. 147200)

Adopted

9	RES 14-1240	Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for September 3, 2014 to consider approval of the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance costs for 2014. (File No. 18428-15 Assessment No. 157200) Adopted
10	RES 14-1234	Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council Public Hearing to ratify the assessment for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Arcade/Case and the Grand/Snelling parking lots operation and maintenance for 2015. (File No. 18744-14 and 18746-14, Assessment No. 147201 and 147202)
		Adopted
11	RES 14-1236	Preliminary Order setting the date of City Council public hearing for September 3, 2014 to consider approval for the Arcade/Case and the Grand/Snelling parking lots operation and maintenance costs for 2016. (File No. 18744-15 and 18746-15, Assessment No. 157201 and 157202)
		Adopted
12	RES 14-1301	Approving the City's cost of providing Boarding and/or Securing services during May 2014, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2014 and City Council Public Hearing for October 15, 2014 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1411B, Assessment No. 148110) Adopted
13	RES 14-1302	Approving the City's cost of providing Boarding and/or Securing services during June 2014, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2014 and City Council Public Hearing for October 15, 2014 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1412B, Assessment No. 148111) Adopted
14	RES 14-1303	Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during June 2014, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 9, 2014 and City Council Public Hearing for October 15, 2014 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1411P, Assessment No. 148410)

Adopted

15	RES 14-1224	Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of 564 stuffed animals valued at \$2,529 from the children and congregation of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Vacation Bible School. Adopted
16	RES 14-1242	Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the May 1, 2014 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters. Laid over to August 13 for adoption
17	RES 14-1271	Accepting a donation from the St. Paul Athletic Club (SPAC) for the Employee Wellness Program. Adopted
18	RES 14-1243	Adopting the Harriet Island to South Saint Paul Regional Trail Master Plan and authorizing the submission of said Master Plan to the Metropolitan Council for review and approval. Adopted
20	RES 14-1279	Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a cost reimbursement agreement with the US Department of Agriculture for reimbursement of police services provided. Adopted
21	RES 14-1281	Authorizing the Police Department to accept \$17,500 in grants from the Saint Paul Police Foundation for the Explorers program and the Family Violence Unit. Adopted
23	RES 14-1261	Approving adverse action against the Dance or Rental Halls license held by International Deli & Banquet Hall, LLC, d/b/a Farooq's Hall at 560 Como Avenue. Adopted
24	RES 14-1260	Approving adverse action against all licenses held by Eden Pizza Twin Cities, LLC, d/b/a Eden Pizza at 629 Aldine Street. Adopted
25	RES 14-1288	Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to add a Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk) license with conditions to Bedlam Theatre (License ID #20120003964) at 213 Fourth Street East. Adopted

26 RES 14-1235

Approving the application, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, and Liquor On Sale - 2 AM Closing licenses, for CPSP Inc., (I.D. #20140001008), d/b/a Sweet Pea's at 472 Snelling Avenue South.

Adopted

27 RES 14-1289

Memorializing City Council action taken on July 9, 2014 sustaining adverse licensing action against all licenses held by More 4 A Buck, Inc. at 1176 Dale Street North.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

7 RES 14-1254

Adopting and approving the Saint Paul Residential Construction Management Acknowledgement Form. (Laid over from August 6)

Councilmember Tolbert moved an amendment changing the responsibility for some notification requirements from DSI to the contractor, saving the City money; and adding a requirement for DSI to report back to the City Council in a year as to the effectiveness of the construction management agreement. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Tolbert asked to lay the matter over to August 27 to allow time for the amendments to be considered and to align the item with a companion ordinance (Item 33).

Amended and laid over to August 27

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

19 RES 14-1318

Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for a redevelopment grant for the New Phalen Village Center project.

Councilmember Stark said he supported the project but had concerns about the last-minute nature of the grant application with little interaction between staff and Council members and the resolution coming before the Council after the application had been submitted. He requested that the process generally be backed up so conversations were taking place well in advance of the application deadlines to give Council members a better picture of applications in the queue. He moved approval.

Council President Lantry said it was a good project and she would support the motion out of respect for Councilmember Bostrom, but it was a multimillion dollar project with no funds identified and she couldn't abide the way the item had come forward. She noted that the application wasn't even attached to the resolution, and said it couldn't happen this was again.

Councilmember Tolbert asked how the item could legally be on the Consent Agenda if it was asking the Council to commit funds. Assistant City Attorney Rachel Tierney said the funds were being committed for a future year so there was no budget to amend.

Councilmember Brendmoen reiterated the concerns about passing the resolution after the fact, and said the process needed to change.

Councilmember Tolbert said the Council was not a rubber-stamp body and perhaps the resolution should be denied to send a message.

Councilmember Bostrom said the project had been underway for many years and was needed on the East Side. He said he appreciated the concerns about the process but asked for the other Council members' support. He moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

28 RES 14-1324

Initiating a zoning code study of the current dimensional and building design standards applicable to the new construction or remodeling of single-family homes located in R1- R4 zoning districts within the defined boundaries of Ward 3 set forth in the most recent ward boundary resolution adopted pursuant to City Charter § 4.01.2.

Councilmember Tolbert moved an amendment adding a report-back date of January 1, 2015. Assistant City Attorney Rachel Tierney and Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond suggested clarifying language. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval of the resolution as amended.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,

Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

29 <u>CO 14-31</u>

Presentation by Michelle Snider, executive director of the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA), of three Awards of Excellence received by Saint Paul Parks and Recreation.

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Hahm introduced Michelle Snider, Executive Director of the Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association. She described the organization and awards program, and presented Awards of Excellence for Fun, Fitness and Sports for Little People; the Great River Passage Master Plan; and the St. Paul Regional Park Bike Patrol.

Received and Filed

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at four separate council meetings and becomes effective after passage by the Council and 30 days after publication in the Saint Paul Legal Ledger. Public hearings on ordinances are held at the third reading.

Final Adoption

30 Ord 14-27

Amending Chapter 375 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to the requirements for holding a pedicab driver license.

Councilmember Thune moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 -

 Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

31 Ord 14-29

Amending Chapter 409 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to Sunday Sales and Brewer Taproom licenses, and Microdistillery Cocktail Room licenses.

Councilmember Brendmoen moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7

Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Second Reading

32 Ord 14-31

Amending Chapter 357 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to construction debris, haulers and related hazardous materials.

Laid over to August 20 for third reading/public hearing

First Reading

33 Ord 14-32

Amending Chapter 33 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code creating a Residential Construction Management Acknowledgment Form and outlining the responsibilities associated with it.

Councilmember Tolbert moved an amendment with language changes to bring the ordinance in line with the companion resolution (Item 7).

Amended and laid over to August 13 for second reading

Yea.

 Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

34 Ord 14-33

Amending Chapter 310 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code to add a Microdistillery Cocktail Room license fee.

Laid over to August 13 for second reading

35 Ord 14-34

Amending Chapter 324 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to single cigar packaging regulation.

Laid over to August 13 for second reading

Council members shared information about upcoming events in their wards.

The Council recessed at 3:55 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Council reconvened for Public Hearings at 5:32 p.m.

Present 7 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, City
Council President Kathy Lantry, Councilmember Russ Stark,
Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Dave Thune and
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

22 RES 14-1305

Denying the request for a stay of implementation of RLH VO 14-5 (ordering vacation of 328-330 NINTH STREET EAST), pending appeal.

In opposition:

Attorney John Westrick appeared representing Robert Seltz. He said there were no fire safety issues in Mr. Seltz' unit, and he asked that Mr. Seltz be able to stay and keep an eye on the building which was attracting vagrants. He said Mr. Seltz didn't require a Certificate of Occupancy because he was the owner/occupant. He noted that one tenant was still occupying the building illegally.

Inspector Shaff gave a staff report on the situation and reviewed DSI's position and recommendations.

Councilmember Thune said they'd tried very hard to make it work but he didn't feel they had any choice. He moved approval of the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

36 Ord 14-30

Amending Chapter 2 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code pertaining to Community Presence and Responsibility in Banking.

Council President Lantry moved a small amendment adding clarifying language.

Todd Hurley, Office of Financial Services director, gave a brief staff report.

In support:

Vic Rosenthal (951 Laurel Avenue), Jewish Community Action, thanked the Council and described the work of his organization related to banking services available in the City. He said they felt Responsible Banking could be used as a new tool to collect and analyze data, and identify areas that were underserved and under-represented. He said the ordinance provided an opportunity to engage the community in an area they hadn't traditionally been engaged in, and to provide transparency. He noted that the banks were not speaking against the ordinance and said that this was an opportunity for the banks and City to work together.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to August 13 for adoption

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,

Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

37 RES PH 14-209

Approving the application of Colleen Healy, Irish Fair of Minnesota, for a sound level variance in order to provide amplified music and the use of a sound system from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2014; from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2014; from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2014; and from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10, 2014 during the Irish Fair of Minnesota at Harriet Island.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

38 RES PH 14-212

Approving the application of Team Ortho Foundation, Women ROCK Event, for a sound level variance in order to present outdoor music and amplified announcements on Saturday, August 30, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Upper Landing Park, Old Chestnut Road & Shepard Road; and from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Shepard Road at Washington Street.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 -

 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

39 RES PH 14-214

Approving the application of Midwest Latino Entertainment & Talent, Inc., Latin Festival Event for a sound level variance in order to present outdoor music and announcements on Sunday, August 10, 2014 from 12:00 p.m.to 10:00 p.m. near the corner of Plato Boulevard and Livingston Avenue.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,

Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Approving the application of Team Ortho Foundation for a sound level variance in order to present outdoor iPod music and amplified announcements at the Women ROCK Event on Saturday, August 30, 2014 on Mississippi River Boulevard, south of Ford Parkway near the Lock and Dam No. 1 Site.

In opposition:

Gary Marx (500 Mississippi River Boulevard), representing neighbors south of the Ford Plant, distributed a list of objections. He said the events were all about money for large corporations, and a statement from Team Ortho regarding the type of experience they want to provide their participants was in conflict with desires of residents. He said some residents would be "landlocked" and unable to enter or leave the area during the event, and during past events communication and the access lane were inconsistent. He said residents could contribute to planning if they were included. He said they paid taxes and should be able to enjoy their neighborhood. He said he appreciated the support from Councilmember Tolbert in starting to make changes.

Councilmember Brendmoen asked for clarification as to whether this was just a cheer zone.

Dawn Roberts (2906 N. 2nd Street, Minneapolis), race director, said that point on the course is the farthest from the start/finish and they needed to be able communicate with participants in the case of an emergency. She said the spot also was provide entertainment and was strategically selected because it was 1/3 mile from the closest resident. She said police at both ends of the cone lane monitored decibel levels.

Council President Lantry asked again whether it was a cheer zone. Ms. Roberts said it was a cheer zone with music, and in response to a question from Councilmember Thune she said it was a turn-around with an ipod hooked up to speakers, but no cowbells. She said they had made changes from the previous year in response to resident concerns, including shortening the route which eliminated road closures and shuttles. She said the time could be reduced to end at 9:40 rather than 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Thao asked for a response to the comment that residents were not engaged. Ms. Roberts said notifications were sent to residents and businesses about 40 days prior to their events.

Councilmember Tolbert reviewed the City's requirements for any road closure, and changes that had been instituted for the access lane for residents.

Ms. Roberts stressed that there are no other race activities going on in front of those homes.

Councilmember Thune asked whether there was a phone number people could call and get an answer. Ms. Roberts said it was included on the letter. She said they had implemented a command center in the past year and communication would be readily available. In response to a question from Councilmember Thune she said volunteers and police would be well-trained with regards to the access lane.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Tolbert said he had communicated with Mr. Marx and other neighbors, and while they had raised good points and legitimate issues, this was strictly a sound variance. He said the request was from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in an area

with no houses, and noted that Team Ortho had made changes. He moved approval, and asked that Team Ortho discourage cowbells.

Councilmember Thune said work was being done on longer term ways to address these issues, and progress was being made.

Councilmember Stark asked that the organizers be careful about sound-checks prior to the event.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

41 RES PH 14-207

Approving the application of the Epilepsy Foundation for a sound level variance in order to present outdoor music and amplified announcements at the Stroll for Epilepsy Event on Thursday, August 7, 2014 from 4:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lake Phalen Park.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

42 APC 14-2

Public hearing to consider the appeal of Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council to a decision of the Planning Commission approving an expansion of nonconforming use to increase the number of parking stalls for outdoor auto sales at 1265 Arcade Street.

Bill Dermody, Planning and Economic Development (PED), gave a staff report on the application, variance conditions, and the key disputed findings in the appeal.

Appellant:

Al Oertwig, president of Payne Phalen District 5 (D5) Planning Council, distributed a letter stating D5's position. He said the neighborhood had been repeatedly plagued by business-owned cars being parked on the public streets. He read from comments made at the District 5 meeting at which the issue was discussed, mostly having to do with illegal parking. He said there were also complaints about the snow not being shoveled and the grass not being mowed, and he noted a pending hearing on license violations. He said it was an incompatible use and inconsistent with the area plan. He said the Planning Commission erred because they did not take seriously the current license violations. He said they were also asking for refund of appeal fees.

In support of appeal:

Kris Oyen (7630 Southridge Ct, Savage), attorney for International Auto Sales, said the complaints cited by Mr. Oertwig and District 5's position were taken into consideration when the Planning Commission made its decision. He noted that ten neighbors had signed a petition as required. He said there was currently a license violation which International Auto Sales disputed and for which a hearing was scheduled on August 20. He said the business did not have a body shop or mechanics, and the only employees were the office manager and manager. He displayed photos showing the condition of the exterior lot and landscaping, and said the owner put considerable work into making the business attractive and minimizing the impact on the neighborhood. He said the 14 parking spaces in the original site plan were two to three feet wider than required by code, and 28 spaces was the appropriate number for the size of the lot.

Nasseh Ghaffari, manager, said the business was an eyesore when they took it over but they had worked hard to make it more appealing. In response to a question from Councilmember Brendmoen he said they had taken over the business six years before. He said they were in a neighborhood with a lot of successful businesses which also contributed to the traffic. He said they had just hired bilingual staff to help communicate parking regulations with their customers. He said it seemed clear that there were members of D5 who just didn't want auto-related business, but his business didn't do mechanic work and filled a need in the neighborhood. He said they were just asking for the appropriate number of spaces so they could conduct their business and fit into the community.

Jose Pabon (1085 Jackson Street) business owner and acquaintance of Mr. Ghaffari, said neighbors had no complaints about the business, and he urged the Council to uphold the variance.

In response to questions from Councilmember Thao, Mr. Oyen said there was an overflow lot on University Avenue. He said there were a lot of break-ins and vandalism in that area, and the expansion would allow all of the cars to be kept on site. He said the inventory turnover rate varied.

Rosa, area resident, said she visited Mexican bakery across from the business and never saw anything detrimental to the neighborhood. She said it was one of the

better looking car lots, and the improvements looked great.

Mr. Ghaffari said there were two others present in support who only spoke Spanish.

Councilmember Bostrom moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Bostrom thanked everyone for coming to testify. He said he wasn't convinced the expansion would be good for the neighborhood, and he felt the Planning Commission erred in Finding #1 that it could be expanded. He said the original 1994 Conditional Use Permit license limited the lot to 14 spaces which had been exceeded many times. He noted that the building was in a residential neighborhood and said the Planning Commission erred in Finding #6 related to the impact of the business on the character of the neighborhood. He said leaving the number of spots at the original 14 was appropriate and what they had agreed to initially, and should have known initially if it wouldn't work financially. He moved to grant the appeal.

Assistant City Attorney Rachel Tierney asked Councilmember Bostrom to clarify the number of the first finding he mentioned. Council Bostrom said he'd intended to say Finding #3.

Councilmember Stark commented that, rather than stating some conditions were or were not met, the staff report used the words "can be met" indicating they could be met if the lot were maintained. He said the subjectivity made the situation more complicated.

Following the vote on the appeal, Councilmember Bostrom moved to refund 50% of the appeal fee to D5. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Motion of Intent - Appeal granted (Fees to be refunded to appellant)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Approving adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Little Grocery, LLC, d/b/a Little Grocery located at 1724 University Avenue West.

Geoffrey Karls, Assistant City Attorney representing the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI), gave a staff report on the adverse actions for selling contraband cigars, and a tobacco compliance check failure. He said DSI was recommending a matrix penalties of \$700 for the contraband sales and \$200 for the compliance check failure. He said the licensee had admitted to the facts but had requested a hearing on the penalty.

One of the owners of Little Grocery appeared and said they understood seriousness of violation, but were new to the business venture and didn't understand everything. He said they had purchased the cigars from a wholesaler not realizing they weren't supposed to sell them in Minnesota. He said they moved the product to the back room as soon as they discovered the mistake and that was where the inspector found them. He said the products found on shelf had been purchased legally. With regards to the compliance check, he said the salesperson read the identification incorrectly, and it was an honest and they didn't want to sell to minors. He asked for leniency, and said they were a new business and couldn't afford penalties, and were working to correct problems from the previous owner.

Councilmember Brendmoen asked the owner when they had taken over the store. He said they'd taken over in July 2012.

The owner displayed a tax form showing they made less than \$4000 last year.

Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Stark said he appreciated the testimony. He said it was a highly regulated business and he appreciated that the mistakes might have been innocent and unintended, they were serious. He moved to adopt the recommendation of DSI.

Adopted (\$950 fine imposed)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

44 PH 14-9

Public hearing to consider the report of the Administrative Law Judge concerning the Taxicab Driver license (License ID #: 0048592) held by Patrick Emmet Murphy.

Geoffrey Karls, Assistant City Attorney representing the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI), gave a staff report on the violation and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) hearing. He said the recommended penalty was license revocation.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing and adopt the findings and recommendations of the ALJ.

Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Council President Lantry added a second motion to add the costs of the ALJ Hearing to the penalty since the licensee had requested an ALJ hearing but did not put up any defense. She suggested that the Council make this their practice going forward. Councilmember Thao said those requesting hearing should be notified of that in advance.

Mr. Karls said the costs would be about \$1000, and that people requesting hearings were notified initially that they might be charged for costs under certain circumstances. He said he would take the comments as guidance going forward.

Assistant City Attorney Rachel Tierney asked for confirmation that the Council was asking for the ALJ fees billed to City and not for City staff costs. Council President lantry said that was correct for the present time.

Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Motion of Intent - Adopted the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge (License revoked; licensee also ordered to pay hearing costs)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

45 RES PH 14-171

Ratifying the assessment for improvements on Bayless Avenue and Bayless Place. (File No. 19152, Assessment No. 145202)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Stark moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Final Order approving the installation of a storm sewer service connection at 24 East Fourth Street. (File No. 19165C, Assessment No. 146005)

In opposition:

Mark Gaertner (24 E. 4th Street) asked for clarification of what the project was. Council President Lantry said it was for a storm sewer connection and the work had already been performed.

Lynn Moser, Real Estate, said the co-owner had requested that the work be done as other work was being done in the area. She said Public Works covered the cost of rock excavation and it was agreed that the remainder would be paid by the property owner.

Council President Lantry asked Mr. Gaertner whether he was a new owner. Mr. Gaertner said he was a co-owner; he asked whether there had been written approval.

Council President Lantry said that could be clarified, but since the work had been done, the cost would be assessed. Ms. Moser said this public hearing was to approve the project but not to ratify the assessment.

Mr. Gaertner said they were informed that the City was building the connection but they didn't request or approve it it.

Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and lay the matter over for a week to allow time for Mr. Gaertner to have his questions answered.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to August 13

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

47 RES PH 14-215

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$13,750 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education to pay for training for firefighters.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Establishing the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department for a reimbursement from the City of Minneapolis in the amount of \$100,229.49.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

49 RES PH 14-170

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Lowertown Ballpark Project in the amount of \$1,712,022; authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept grants in the amount of \$3,476,750; and amending the amount of the City's internal loan to the project to reflect the grants awarded and other financing sources identified.

Council President Lantry explained an amendment with clarifying language as requested by Hamline. Councilmember Thune moved the amendment. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution as amended.

Adopted as amended

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 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

50 RES PH 14-190

Authorizing acceptance of a \$46,000 donation from the St. Paul Garden Club and amending the Department of Parks and Recreation Long Range Capital Improvement Financing and Spending Plan to reflect these donated funds for implementation of conceptual design for Rice Park revitalization.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 -

 Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Amending the 2014 budget in the amount of \$4,000,000 to accept a grant from the State of Minnesota for the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, and approving and authorizing execution of an amended state grant agreement, amended lease documents with the Ordway, and related documents.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution. He congratulated the Ordway.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Amending the financing and spending budgets in the Department of Public Works under the Griggs Avenue and Jefferson Avenue Bicycle and Streetscape projects by transferring \$678,213.00 and recognizing additional financing of \$243,000 Federal TLC Funds.

In opposition:

Benita Warns (1440 Lafond Avenue) said she'd been involved with District 11 neighbors on the bike trail along Pierce Butler/Lexington Parkway, and this project was taking funds away from their project. She said they went through the CIB process and received the funding. She said a lot of work went into obtaining the support and funding, the project was in the budget, and now the money was being taken away and the project closed out. She suggested scaling back the Jefferson project, taking funding from a lower-ranked project, or putting the Pierce Butler/Lexington project at top of list for the next round. She said this undermined citizens' confidence in the process, and she was looking for assurances that their project would be built and the funding wouldn't be completely rescinded.

Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Thune said the Palace playground project was in a similar situation, and they would be applying for additional CIB money. He said they couldn't predict what future Councils would do, but it was his intention to move the project to the top of the list for funding.

Councilmember Thune moved to reopen the public hearing to allow testimony from someone who hadn't had a chance to speak. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Sherri Moore (4237 29th Avenue S., Minneapolis), spoke about the importance of Palace Recreation Center programs and improvements for area children. She said she was in opposition to diverting funds, and children were more important than the bike path. She suggested putting the Jefferson project on hold.

Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Brendmoen said she supported funding the project but felt the process was something that should be discussed in the future. She said it wasn't fair to others who had gone through the CIB process and been awarded fund.

In response to questions and comments from Council President Lantry and Council members Thune and Stark, Paul Kurtz, Public Works, said all \$200,000 from the Pierce Butler/Lexington project was being moved to Jefferson/Griggs, which closed the project for 2014. Councilmember Thune suggested leaving \$1 in the project and keeping it open. Mr. Kurtz said the best option suggested by Ms. Warns was to make Pierce Butler/Lexington the top project in the next cycle, although there was no guarantee that would happen.

Councilmember Tolbert asked about budget and time over-runs on the Jefferson project. Mr. Kurtz said bids came in higher than expected. He said the process began in 2010 and 2012, and costs had gone up; and the Griggs, Jefferson, and Charles bike corridors were first ones done and estimates were not as precise as for RSVP. He said the City was under contract to complete the project and had to find the money, and if this wasn't the right funding it would have to be found somewhere else. As to the delay in completion, he said there was an extensive community process, after which the project was re-bid because bids came in too high.

Council President Lantry asked about CIB contingency funds. Mr. Kurtz said they were kept in the Office of Financial Services. Council President Lantry read from the code regarding the Council's ability to pre-promising money to complete a project in a subsequent year.

Councilmember Stark moved to lay the matter over for one week to allow time for a resolution to be drafted to recommit the diverted funds for Palace and Pierce Butler/Lexington.

Public hearing held and closed; laid over to August 13

 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION

FOREST STREET.

RLH FCO 14-95 Appeal of Floyd Johnson to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 503

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond gave a staff report on the appeal related to an egress window which exited to an enclosed porch. She recommended denying the appeal.

In opposition:

Property owner Floyd Johnson (1726 East Iowa Avenue) said the house had passed several Certificate of Occupancy inspections with no problems. Mrs. Johnson said they'd had the house for 40 years and it had always been a duplex.

Council President Lantry moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Council President Lantry moved to deny the appeal. She said it was a straightforward life-safety issue.

Councilmember Bostrom clarified that the property could still be used as duplex, but the room couldn't be used for sleeping.

Adopted (Appeal denied and extension granted to September 12 for compliance)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

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66 RLH VO 14-25

Appeal of Gerald Kaluzny, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, on behalf of James Frye to a Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate at 1755 GRACE LANE.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond changed her recommendation to an order for immediate vacation.

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution as amended.

Adopted as amended (Immediate vacation ordered)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

88 RLH VO 14-31

Appeal of Anton Soukhanov to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1280 SEVENTH STREET WEST.

Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond gave a staff report on the Fire Certificate of Occupancy revocation due to long term non-compliance. She said inspections had started with a complaint in March 2014, and there had been many reinspections. She noted for record that the order related to using an area behind the house for parking was previously heard by Council, and a July 15 deadline was given. She said a site plan was recently submitted but compliance hadn't been verified. She recommended denying the appeal with an August 8 compliance deadline and September 1 vacate deadline. She said September 1 had been requested by the property owner and she had no objection.

In opposition;

Property owner Anton Soukhanov (1144 Blue Heron Court) said there were 23 items on deficiency list and most had been addressed. He said he didn't realize he couldn't replace his own outlets and the electrician said it took three weeks to pull a permit. He said he would like would like a one-month extension. He reviewed the items that had been completed, and said the one uncooperative tenant had been given 30 days. He said he planned to live at property himself starting at the end of August, and would have everything completed in a month.

Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0

Councilmember Thune said he okay with granting 30 days since the tenant had been evicted; he moved to grant until September 1 to complete the work or vacate.

Adopted as amended (Extension granted to September 1 for compliance; building must be vacated immediately if September 1 deadline isn't met)

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

Note: 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 (Items 53 - 101)

No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Thune moved to close the public hearing and approve the Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda as amended.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

Nay: 0

53 RLH VO 14-28 Appeal of Kenneth D. Firkus to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 661 ASHLAND AVENUE.

Adopted

54 RLH TA 14-451 Amending Council File RLH AR 14-37 to reduce the assessment for Tree Removal services from January 2014 at 396 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. 1406T, Assessment No. 149006)

Adopted

55 RLH FCO Appeal of Joe Genereux to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 208 CHARLES AVENUE.

Adopted

Adopted

56 <u>RLH FCO 14-96</u> Appeal of Faye Sparks to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 374 CHEROKEE AVENUE.

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57 RLH VBR 14-52 Appeal of Dawn Hager and Tamara Hart to a Vacant Building

Registration Notice at 1814 CLEAR AVENUE.

Adopted

58 <u>RLH VBR 14-55</u> Appeal of Stephen Dick to a Vacant Building Registration Fee at 764

CONCORD STREET.

Adopted

59	RLH OA 14-10	Recommending that Ramsey County deny the application of Linda P. Ji, Attorney for Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church, for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 507 DALE STREET NORTH. Adopted
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60	RLH OA 14-12	Recommending that Ramsey County deny the application of Coretta B. Walker-Rinehart for repurchase of a tax forfeited duplex located at 1057 DAYTON AVENUE and 1059 DAYTON AVENUE.
		Adopted
61	RLH VO 14-27	Appeal of Patricia Whitney, Twin Oak Management, LLC to a Notice of Condemnation Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 586 EDMUND AVENUE.
		Adopted
63	RLH TA 14-376	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1409B, Assessment No. 148108 at 1043 FOREST STREET.
		Adopted
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64	RLH TA 14-383	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1409B, Assessment No. 148108 at 717 FRY STREET. (Amended to File No. J1409B3, Assessment No. 148114)
		Referred to Legislative Hearings on August 19; Council Public Hearing continued to September 3
65	RLH TA 14-364	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1410, Assessment No. 148210 at 206 GOODRICH AVENUE.
		Adopted
67	RLH OA 14-13	Appeal of Elizabeth Sampair to a Denial of an Application for a Fence Variance at 1845 GRAHAM AVENUE.
		Adopted
68	RLH TA 14-380	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1410, Assessment No. 148210 at 636 GRAND AVENUE.
		Adopted
69	RLH VBR 14-53	Appeal of Nurul Amin to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 290 HARRISON AVENUE.
		Adopted

70	RLH VBR 14-50	Appeal of Amanda Danielson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1256 HARTFORD AVENUE. Adopted
71	RLH OA 14-11	Recommending that Ramsey County approve the application of Curtis W. Baker for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 660 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST.
		Adopted
72	RLH TA 14-452	Amending Council File RLH AR 14-37 to reduce the assessment for Tree Removal services from January 2014 at 678 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (File No. 1406T, Assessment No. 149006)
		Adopted
73	RLH TA 14-346	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1409A, Assessment No. 148526 at 1035 MAGNOLIA AVENUE EAST. (Amended to File No. J1409A1, Assessment No. 148540)
		Adopted
74	RLH TA 14-6	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1404A, Assessment No. 148503 at 1152 MARION STREET. (Amended to Project No. J1404A3, Assessment No. 148520)
		Adopted
75	RLH VBR 14-56	Appeal of Bich Lien Nguyen to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 1577 MARION STREET. Adopted
		Adoption
76	RLH TA 14-453	Amending Council File RLH AR 14-37 to reduce the assessment for Tree Removal services from January 2014 at 987 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. 1406T, Assessment No. 149006)
		Adopted
77	RLH TA 14-454	Amending Council File RLH AR 14-37 to reduce the assessment for Tree Removal services from January 2014 at 989 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. 1406T, Assessment No. 149006)
		Adopted

78	RLH TA 14-372	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1409B, Assessment No. 148108 at 884 MOUND STREET. (Amended to File No. J1409B1, Assessment No. 148113)
		Public hearing continued to September 17
79	RLH FCO 14-78	Appeal of John D. Lenzi to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection at 662 PAYNE AVENUE.
		Referred to Legislative Hearings on September 9; Council Public Hearing continued to September 17
80	RLH TA 14-378	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1409B Assessment No. 148108 at 578 POINT DOUGLAS ROAD SOUTH.
		Adopted
81	RLH TA 14-365	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1410, Assessment No. 148210 at 1765 RANDOLPH AVENUE.
		Adopted
82	RLH TA 14-455	Amending Council File RLH AR 14-37 to reduce the assessment for Tree Removal services from January 2014 at 1004 RAYMOND AVENUE. (File No. 1406T, Assessment No. 149006)
		Adopted
83	RLH FCO 14-88	Appeal of James Gilbert to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy with Deficiencies at 1127 RAYMOND AVENUE.
		Adopted
84	RLH TA 14-318	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1409, Assessment No. 148813 at 1812 REANEY AVENUE. (Amended to File No. VB1409B, Assessment No. 148824)
		Adopted
85	RLH TA 14-379	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1408P, Assessment No. 148407 at 1258 RICE STREET.
		Adopted
86	RLH OA 14-9	Recommending that Ramsey County deny the application of Kyle Erin Christensen for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1219 ROSS AVENUE.
		Adopted

87	RLH TA 13-720	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1403A1, Assessment No. 148513 (amended from File No. J1403A, Assessment No. 148502) at 1173 ST. PAUL AVENUE. Adopted
89	RLH VO 14-30	Appeal of Keren Orr to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 362 SHERBURNE AVENUE. Adopted
90	RLH TA 14-377	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1408P, Assessment No. 148407 at 902 SIXTH STREET EAST. Adopted
91	RLH TA 14-374	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1408P, Assessment No. 148407 at 299 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. Adopted
92	RLH TA 14-366	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1410, Assessment No. 148210 at 1405 SUMMIT AVENUE. Adopted
93	RLH VBR 14-54	Appeal of Daniel Diaz to a Vacant Building Registration and Correction Orders at 14 SYCAMORE STREET WEST. Adopted
94	RLH VO 14-24	Appeal of William Harvey to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 740 TATUM STREET. Adopted
95	RLH TA 14-381	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1410, Assessment No. 148210 at 439 THOMAS AVENUE.
96	RLH VO 14-29	Adopted Appeal of Julianna Warn to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 615 THOMAS AVENUE. Adopted

97	RLH TA 14-375	Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. J1408P, Assessment No. 148407 at 946 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST.
98	RLH AR 14-45	Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Certificate of Occupancy fees billed January 6 to February 10, 2014. (File No. CRT1410, Assessment No. 148210)
		Adopted
99	RLH AR 14-46	Ratifying the assessments for Boarding and/or Securing services during March 2014. (File No. J1409B, Assessment No. 148108)
		Adopted as amended (897 Jessie Street removed from the assessment roll for separate consideration)
100	RLH AR 14-47	Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services from March 8 to April 9, 2014. (File No. J1408P, Assessment No. 148407)
		Adopted
101	RLH AR 14-48	Ratifying the assessments for Tree Removal services during April 2014. (File No. 1408T, Assessment No. 149008) Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Brendmoen moved adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council
President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao,
Councilmember Thune and Councilmember Tolbert

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