



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

City Council

Council President Russ Stark
Councilmember Dan Bostrom
Councilmember Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Bill Finney
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Dave Thune
Councilmember Chris Tolbert

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

There will be no City Council meeting on April 29, the fifth Wednesday of the month.

Council Voting

The reader calls the names of all Councilmembers. A vote in favor is cast by remaining silent, and a vote against is cast by saying no or nay. When the voting is complete, the reader will state whether the motion passed or failed.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Stark at 3:31 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 15-37](#) Amending the 2015 budget of the Sewer Utility 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 4 - 14)

Item 4 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.
Councilmember Bostrom moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 2 [RES 15-691](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Samuel Clark to serve as City Attorney, effective April 13, 2015.
Adopted
- 3 [RES 15-688](#) Approving the settlement agreement and release between the City of Saint Paul and Frankie Edward Adams and his attorney, Andrew Irlbeck.
Adopted
- 5 [RES 15-461](#) Approving the release of a drainage and utility easement within the property at 980 Rice Street.
Adopted
- 6 [RES 15-687](#) Approving the release of utility and slope easements within the property at 95 Ivy Avenue West.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 15-644](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed December 16, 2014 to January 13, 2015, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 19, 2015 and City Council Public Hearing for July 1, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT1509, Assessment No. 158209)
Adopted
- 8 [RES 15-645](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Boarding and/or Securing services during February 2015, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 19, 2015 and City Council Public Hearing for July 1, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1508B, Assessment No. 158107)
Adopted
- 9 [RES 15-646](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services from February 7 to March 28, 2015, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 19, 2015 and City Council Public Hearing for July 1, 2015 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1506P, Assessment No. 158405)
Adopted
- 10 [RES 15-660](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with Dakota County Technical College to provide an Emergency Response Driving course to firefighters on June 18, 2015.
Adopted

- 11 [RES 15-656](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to partner with Neighborhood House to submit a Ramsey County Soccer Partners grant application for \$50,000 to help fund field improvements at the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center/El Rio Vista Recreation Center.
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 15-685](#) Authorizing acceptance of a donation from Rebuilding Together Twin Cities for improvements at Weida Park.
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 15-703](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to submit applications to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants and to the Metropolitan Council for Tax Base Revitalization Account Program for the 333 Lofts, 845-851 Payne Avenue, CLUES Expansion, Former Gross-Givens Manufacturing, Lonnie Adkins Court Apartments, Rice/Sycamore, Saxon Ford, Schmidt Keg House, Sibley Plaza Shopping Center, Twin Cities Academy High School Building Project, University and Vandalia Mixed-Use Housing and Commercial Development Project, and Western U Plaza sites.
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 15-697](#) Approving adverse action against the Taxicab Driver license held by Jason L. Schlais.
- Adopted**

FOR DISCUSSION

- 4 [RES 15-724](#) Supporting state legislation for earned sick and safe time benefits.
- Council President Stark noted that the resolution was sponsored by all seven Council members, which didn't happen often, and he thanked everyone for their support. He said the resolution expressed support for a bill being considered in both houses of the state legislature which would require employers to provide some earned sick and safe time. He moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Finney and City Council President Stark
- Nay:** 0

- 16 [RES 15-736](#) Proclaiming April 25, 2015 as Barbara Barnes Day in the City of Saint Paul.

Councilmember Tolbert invited Barbara Barnes to the podium and read the resolution. Ms. Barnes made brief comments. Councilmember Tolbert moved approval of the resolution.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 15 [RES 15-719](#) Honoring the recipients of the 2015 Sustainable Saint Paul Awards.

Council President Stark introduced the awards and acknowledged the committee members. He introduced Mayor Coleman. Mayor Coleman and Council members presented the awards. Recipients made brief comments, and Mayor Coleman made concluding remarks.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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

- 17 [Ord 15-12](#) Amending Chapter 324 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to licensing the sale of tobacco at retail, adding a penalty for revocation of license at a location.

Councilmember Thune moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [Ord 15-13](#) Repealing Legislative Code Chap. 67, Art. III, pertaining to the Shepard Davern Commercial and Residential Redevelopment Overlay District as recommended in the Shepard Davern Area Zoning Study adopted on January 28, 2015.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [Ord 15-17](#) Amending Section 409.30 - Districts; Pertaining to Block Party Rules Within the Downtown Development District.

Councilmember Thune moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [Ord 15-18](#) Amending Chapter 31.09 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to electronic reallocation of votes.

Councilmember Finney moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Second Reading

- 21 [Ord 15-19](#) Amending Chapter 65 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to cellular telephone antennas.

Laid over to May 6 for third reading/public hearing

- 22 [Ord 15-20](#) Amending Legislative Code §66.331 (density/dimensional standards for TN districts); §66.531 (density/dimensional standards for industrial districts); and, §60.303 (rezoning specific property) for consistency with the West Side Flats Master Plan and Development Guidelines.

Laid over to May 6 for third reading/public hearing

- 23 [Ord 15-21](#) Amending Chapter 105 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, Care and Maintenance of Boulevards, to add definitions and other requirements in order to create boulevard rain gardens and manage storm water runoff from streets and surfaces.

Laid over to May 6 for third reading/public hearing

- 24 [Ord 15-22](#) Amending Chapter 116.05 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code pertaining to Boulevard Rain Gardens.

Laid over to May 6 for third reading/public hearing

SUSPENSION ITEM

Councilmember Tolbert moved suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

[RES 15-757](#)

Opposing the extension of poor trade policies.

Councilmember Tolbert said it wasn't often that the Council took a stance on federal legislation, but he felt this bill was important for the Council to talk about and was on a fast track through Congress in the Senate. He said this issue could potentially affect St. Paul in the loss of manufacturing jobs. He thanked labor leaders for bringing this possibly detrimental bill to the Council's attention. Councilmember Brendmoen made a friendly amendment to ask that a copy of the resolution be sent to the congressional delegation.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval of the resolution as amended.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Council members shared information about upcoming events in their wards.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Thao moved adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

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

Nay: 0

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