



# City of Saint Paul

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## Minutes - Final

### City Council

*Council President Russ Stark*  
*Councilmember Dan Bostrom*  
*Councilmember Amy Brendmoen*  
*Councilmember Rebecca Noecker*  
*Councilmember Jane L. Prince*  
*Councilmember Dai Thao*  
*Councilmember Chris Tolbert*

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Wednesday, March 2, 2016

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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**Budget Public Hearings at 3:30 p.m.**  
**Public Hearings at 5:30 p.m.**

**The HRA will convene during the 5:30 portion of the meeting.**

#### **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 3:30 p.m.*

**Present** 7 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, City Council President Russ Stark, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember Jane L. Prince

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE**

- 1     [AO 16-30](#)     Amending the CDBG Activities budget for the Payne Avenue BIF program and adding funding to new projects.  
**Received and Filed**
  
- 2     [AO 16-31](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to pay for a portion of the food for the Saint Paul Police Band 2015 Holiday Party.  
**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**

*Item 6 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Item 22 was withdrawn.*

*Councilmember Noecker moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.*

**Consent Agenda adopted as amended**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

- 3**     [RES 16-379](#)     Approving the Mayor's appointments of Katrice Albert and Diane Trout-Oertel to the Board of Zoning Appeals.  
**Adopted**
- 4**     [RES 16-358](#)     Approving the Settlement Agreement and Release between the City of Saint Paul and Karen Shafer and her attorney Edward W. Risch.  
**Adopted**
- 5**     [RLH OA 16-1](#)     Making no recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Maurice Nins for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1040 SELBY AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 7**     [RES 16-386](#)     Approving the use of Neighborhood STAR Ward 4 Year-Round Program Funds.  
**Adopted**
- 8**     [RES 16-44](#)     Approving the release of a drainage and utility easement within the Highland Bank property at 2100 Ford Parkway.  
**Adopted**

- 9      [RES 16-332](#)      Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Inspection/Abatement services billed from October 22 to November 20, 2015, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 29, 2016 and City Council Public Hearing for May 18, 2016 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1607E, Assessment No. 168308)  
  
                 **Adopted**
- 10     [RES 16-333](#)      Approving the City's cost of providing Boarding and/or Securing services during November 2015, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 29, 2016 and City Council Public Hearing for May 18, 2016 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1606B, Assessment No. 168105)  
  
                 **Adopted**
- 11     [RES 16-334](#)      Approving the City's cost of providing Boarding and/or Securing services during December 2015, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 29, 2016 and City Council Public Hearing for May 18, 2016 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1607B, Assessment No. 168106)  
  
                 **Adopted**
- 12     [RES 16-335](#)      Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services from December 24 to January 24, 2016, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 29, 2016 and City Council Public Hearing for May 18, 2016 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1607P, Assessment No. 168406)  
  
                 **Adopted**
- 13     [RES 16-345](#)      Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration Fees billed from July 2 to December 16, 2015, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 5, 2016 and City Council Public Hearing for May 18, 2016 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB1608, Assessment No. 168808)  
  
                 **Adopted**
- 14     [RES 16-347](#)      Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Inspection/Abatement services billed from November 23 to December 18, 2015, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 5, 2016 and City Council Public Hearing for May 18, 2016 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1608E, Assessment No. 168309)  
  
                 **Adopted**

- 15     [RES 16-348](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services billed from January 4 to 28, 2016, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 5, 2016 and City Council Public Hearing for May 18, 2016 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1608A, Assessment No. 168517)  
**Adopted**
- 16     [RES 16-350](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Trash Hauling services billed from January 6 to 27, 2016, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 5, 2016 and City Council Public Hearing for May 18, 2016 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J1608G, Assessment No. 168707)  
**Adopted**
- 17     [RES 16-339](#)     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 May 6, 2016.  
**Adopted**
- 18     [RES 16-341](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to solicit funds from various businesses, civic groups, and foundations in order to implement Project Safe Haven, a comprehensive fire and injury prevention program.  
**Adopted**
- 19     [RES 16-355](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a mutual aid agreement with other cities in Ramsey County to provide emergency response assistance when needed.  
**Adopted**
- 20     [RES 16-360](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement and Court Data Subscriber Amendment with the State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety.  
**Adopted**
- 21     [RES 16-370](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to accept a donation from Glock, Inc.  
**Adopted**
- 22     [RES 16-378](#)     Denying City approval of The Lex, Inc.'s application for a Consumption and Display Permit from the State of Minnesota. (To be withdrawn)  
**Withdrawn**

**FOR DISCUSSION****6      [RES 16-394](#)      Establishing an Earned Sick and Safe Time Task Force.**

*Council President Stark moved to amend the resolution to attach the list of task force members. He thanked the applicants and those chosen to serve, and said he thought it was a good cross section of businesses and workers and labor and advocates around the issue. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0 (amendment)*

*Councilmember Noecker said she was pleased with the list. She said her office had gotten a visit from a couple of representatives of a law firm that had done a lot of employment law and worked with a lot of different companies on the issue. She said that firm hadn't made the list but she wanted to be sure that there was some representation from lawyers who may have seen a variety of companies from different cities. She said she didn't know who everyone on the list was and she hoped her colleagues could take a look and make sure that was being represented. Councilmember Tolbert said he recognized one name as a lawyer who he believed had done some employment law but there were quite a few others who had been involved in this issue at different levels and the potential implementation of the issue. Councilmember Prince said it was also possible that an experienced employment lawyer with that perspective could come in and present to the group. Councilmember Noecker said she would like to recommend that that happen to provide perspective on hurdles to avoid and things to look into early. Councilmember Thao said a lawyer who had worked on Earned Sick and Safe time in Milwaukee was on the task force. Council President Stark said either way they would make sure the group was well-informed about those issues.*

*Councilmember Tolbert said he thought this was a fantastic list, very diverse and representing a lot of viewpoints. He said it was a difficult issue with a lot of nuances and he felt this group would be able to work it out and represent all different areas of world view. He thanked the applicants and task force members.*

*Councilmember Noecker said noted it was a very competitive process with 60-some applicants, and it was exciting to see competition over serving on a public body or task force.*

*Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.*

**Adopted as amended**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

- 23     [RLH CO 16-2](#)     Appeal of Mark Santi, Imperial Vapor, LLC, to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection, including Condemnation at 841 GRAND AVENUE. (Public hearing held February 17)

*Councilmember Noecker said it was important to distinguish the type of use happening in the facility and the issue in front of the Council. She said for her the issue came down to whether or not Imperial Vapor, operating as a tobacco shop, could be operating within a half mile of another tobacco shop. She said whether or not Imperial Vapor should be classified as a tobacco shop was not before the Council because that determination was already made. She said they'd had two opportunities to challenge that decision and had not done so. She said she understood they were in an unfortunate situation but it was her opinion the Council should uphold the recommendation of the Legislative Hearing Officer to deny the appeal.*

*Councilmember Tolbert expressed support for Councilmember Noecker's motion.*

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

- 24     [RES 16-384](#)     Supporting the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) initiative, and supporting the principles of the United Nations CEDAW at the local level.

*Councilmember Prince gave some background information on CEDAW, and introduced Ellen Kennedy, Executive Director of World Without Genocide at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, and Elizabeth M., Mitchell Hamline alumna. Both made brief comments. Councilmember Brendmoen thanked them and Councilmember Prince for their leadership.*

*Councilmember Prince moved approval.*

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 25     [RES PH 16-49](#)     Accepting Livable Communities Transit Oriented Development Grants, Livable Communities Demonstration Account Grants, Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants, and Tax Base Revitalization Account Grants; and amending the 2016 Budget.

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

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**26**     [RES PH 16-52](#)

Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to accept funds from the Knight Foundation Fund at the Saint Paul Foundation, for MRAJ LLC, Little Box Sauna, for the month-long event at Como Regional Park.

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

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**27**     [RES PH 16-42](#)

Amending the financing and spending budgets in the Saint Paul Regional Water Services by adding the total amount of \$500,000 to fund the raw water conduit condition assessment and the McCarron's foundation condition assessment.

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

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**SUSPENSION ITEMS**

*Councilmember Thao moved suspension of the rules.*

**Rules suspended**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

[RES 16-417](#)

Proclaiming March 12, 2016 as Bernadette Celene Benner Day in the City of Saint Paul.

*Councilmember Thao moved approval.*

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

*Council members shared information about upcoming events in their wards.*

*The Council recessed 3:53 p.m.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*The Council reconvened for public hearings at 5:33 p.m. Council President Stark welcomed everyone. He said there was one item which involved an interpreter, and that item would be taken first.*

**Present** 7 - Councilmember Dan Bostrom, Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, City Council President Russ Stark, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker and Councilmember Jane L. Prince



54      [RLH FCO 16-21](#)      Appeal of Ying Vang to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 842 JENKS AVENUE.

*Legislative Hearing Coordinator Mai Vang gave a staff report. She said a Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection was conducted on December 21, 2015 due to a complaint of mice and cockroaches, and because the Fire Certificate of Occupancy was due, a full inspection was conducted with seven violations found. She items 4, 5, 6, and 7 were being appealed, related to unapproved locks in Unit 1, repair and painting of the fence, the front porch guardrail, and repair of retaining wall. She said Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond's recommendation was to deny the appeal and grant extensions to May 1 for the painting and guardrail issues and until and July 1 for the retaining wall.*

*In opposition:*

*Appellant Ying Vang testified via an interpreter. He said he wanted to talk about the African American who came to do the inspection. He said they met at the house for the inspection and were given 4 items to take care of, and they thought it was all completed and the inspector left the premises. He said later they received the document with numbers 5, 6, and 7 which they didn't know about and didn't understand why the items had been added. He said they didn't understand why the inspector left and added more items, and whether the inspector was coming back to do a re-inspection. Legislative Hearing Coordinator Mai Vang said all of the items were on the December orders. Mr. Ying Vang said Numbers 5 & 6 were not in there, and were given to them after the inspector came to the house and looked at it already but weren't there at the beginning. Council President Stark said the official record was the written record received by the appellant. Mai Vang confirmed that the December and January orders had the same number of items. In response to a question from Council President Stark, Mai Vang clarified that the May deadline was for the painting and the guardrail, and the July deadline was for the retaining wall. Chee Xiong (wife of appellant) asked why a permit was required to repair a fence that already existed. Ms. Vang clarified that the permit requirement for the damaged guardrail. Deputy City Attorney Jerry Hendrickson said a permit would be required for the retaining wall for sure, and possibly for the fence depending on what needed to be done. Ms. Xiong said the retaining wall would involve additional expense, and she asked whether it could be removed. Ms. Vang said they would need to stabilize the soil. Ms. Xiong asked where they could go to discuss the requirements for the retaining wall. Council President Stark said the Department of Safety and Inspections would be the place to go. Ms. Vang said the best person to contact is the inspector and he would refer them if necessary. Ms. Xiong asked where the guardrail was located. Ms. Vang said it was on the front porch. Council President Stark asked whether this matter could be referred back to Legislative Hearings to deal with some of these details. Ms. Vang she said these details were already handled in hearing, but it was up to the Council. Ms. Xiong asked if there was any way to receive more time. Council President Stark reviewed the extension dates and said there was time. Ms. Xiong said they would remove the fence. Council President Stark said the Council couldn't respond to those details but needed to know that the orders would be addressed by the deadlines. Ms. Xiong asked whether the deadline could be extended to the end of August. Council President Stark said they would consider that.*

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

*Councilmember Bostrom asked whether the property was a rental. Ms. Vang said it was. Councilmember Bostrom said the items needed to be addressed, and he felt the recommended extensions were reasonable.*

*Councilmember Thao asked to make a friendly request that inspector work with them*

*to clarify expectations and provide the same exceptional customer service they would to anyone.*

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**28**     [RES PH 16-64](#)

Approving and authorizing execution of agreements related to construction, remediation and infrastructure for a soccer stadium development, and a Funding Agreement with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota, and related actions.

*Council President Stark described the sequence of events for this action.*

*Todd Hurley, Office of Financial Services, acknowledged members of the negotiating team. He noted that he'd been before the Council in August to obtain support for the soccer stadium and State legislation, and in October to obtain approval for a joint powers agreement to negotiate with the Port Authority and Metropolitan Council on a ground lease and environmental agreement. He reviewed the details of those two agreements and the stadium agreement.*

*Council President Stark noted that the \$1.5 million agreed upon by the City and Port Authority for site cleanup would not cover the total cost of the cleanup. Mr. Hurley said the property belonged to the Met Council, and they would be responsible for the remaining costs for the cleanup that was estimated at a total of \$6 million.*

*Mr. Hurley reviewed the details of the City's responsibility for public infrastructure. He said HRA and PED Director Jonathan Sage-Martinson would go into more detail about the budget, following the HRA vote on the budget. He reviewed the details of the use agreement. He said he was hopeful that a lot of COuncil member's questions had been answered in meetings with staff, but staff were present to answer additional questions.*

*Council President Stark said his intention was bring in the new amendments around local ethnic food vendors and sustainability, following questions and discussion by the Council.*

*Councilmember Prince said Mr. Hurley and Mr. Sage-Martinson had spent a lot of time with her answering questions, and she thanked them for getting the best possible deal for the City. She said there were some large questions she'd like answered publicly. She asked why the City wanted to own the stadium, given that the team was largely going to control it, and she asked what was meant by "reasonable access" for the City as set out in the use agreement. Mr. Hurley said all property tax exemptions granted by the legislature for stadiums, had required that the local public entity own the stadium. He said the intent behind reasonable access was that it was the City's stadium, and the City would need to get into the stadium to make sure things were operating the way they were supposed to operate. Councilmember Prince asked whether the agreements contemplated enforcement of the parkland dedication ordinance. Deputy City Attorney Gerald Hendrickson said parkland dedication came up as part of the platting process, which hadn't happened yet. He said the size of green spaces were anticipated to exceed the requirements. Councilmember Prince said she wanted to read into the record that the Council would make sure not to miss any deadlines. Mr. Hendrickson said that would be driven by the application of the developer, both at the stadium site and the other site. Council President Stark said the other key issue was that in order to meet the ordinance it would have to be publicly accessible space. He said his understanding was that the development team was going to pay for anything above standard in terms of green spaces in the development area, and operate them, on game days at least, but they'd have to meet some standard of public accessibility for the rest of the time, and he believed that was their intention. Councilmember Prince said she was somewhat preoccupied with the deadline of having to act that day. She said the legislative*

session didn't start until the following Wednesday and she would like to have done an independent analysis of the deal as was done with the hockey deal. She said with that deal the Council took a week to have an independent analysis which tweaked the deal slightly and resulted in some improvements. She asked what the importance was of acting that day. Mr. Hurley said the importance of that day was that in the negotiations with the team and the City's commitment to support the property tax exemption, they committed that they would have this resolution in front of the City Council in advance of the legislative session. He said it was their belief that the Council would act upon it so they could take it to the next level up at the State and follow through on their commitments there. Councilmember Prince said the first day of session was unlikely to be critical. She said there were people present who were interested in the issue of the billboards, and she asked Mr. Hurley to state how the billboards would be handled. Mr. Hurley said the ground lease had a condition that the billboards come down and not be relocated, per City policy. Councilmember Prince said she appreciated the cap on infrastructure costs, and asked whether it would make sense for the team to post a bond, given the volatility of infrastructure cost and the likelihood of cost overruns. Mr. Hurley said as part of the construction agreement, the City would need to meet the same requirements and would also have to post a bond. He said as the City's CFO he would be able to he could look at the financials of the team to make sure they had adequate resources for the stadium construction. He said they had worked with the team, and City staff to identify the \$16.1 million figure for infrastructure costs, and Section 2.2 of the development agreement stated that the team would be responsible for any excess costs. He said he was banking on the fact that the team was coming with several million dollars in resources and would live up to their commitments under the agreements.

Council President Stark said the important thing to note was that, unlike when the City put things out to bid, this was reviewed by the contractor who would be doing the work, so there was some up front understanding of what the real costs would be. He said the Council was not really taking things on faith, because in the document the team was committing to anything above and beyond.

Councilmember Prince said she was also troubled by the fact that there wouldn't be a parking and traffic study until April, and the City would have to figure out how to deal with the results of that. Mr. Hurley said he would ask Mr. Sage-Martinson comment on that but one thing he could say was that the study would make recommendations but not commit the City to spend funds. Mr. Sage-Martinson said a transportation and parking study was standard with any major redevelopment master planning.

Councilmember Noecker said she had asked that specific question and heard that the parking study didn't commit the City to pay for anything found there. She said she was really holding the Council to their commitment that the 18.4 million was the cap regardless of what came back from the study in terms of public investment on the southern part of the site. She said she was anxious to hear testimony from the public.

Councilmember Bostrom asked who would be responsible for infrastructure cost overruns. Mr. Hurley read from Section 2.2B of the development agreement which spelled out that team would pay anything in excess of the City's public infrastructure budget of \$16.1 million. Councilmember Bostrom asked whether the property tax and sales tax exemptions were deal killers if they weren't granted to the team. Mr. Hurley said the team did have the ability to get out of the development agreement if they didn't get property tax exemption. Councilmember Bostrom asked who got the revenue from surface parking lot. Mr. Hurley said it would be a stadium parking lot for team VIPs, players, and employees. He said it was not intended to be revenue-generating, but the team could keep any revenue generated.

*Mr. Sage-Martinson, Executive Director of the HRA, gave a staff report on the details of the budget.*

*Council President Stark clarified that infrastructure costs being discussed included only those on the stadium site and not the north portion envisioned to be considered at a later date. Mr. Sage-Martinson said the one exception was a block long section of Shields Avenue from Snelling on the west and going east, to join the infrastructure on the stadium site.*

*Councilmember Prince noted that the balance of Spruce Tree TIF was going to the infrastructure, and said the Spruce Tree parking ramp, which was owned by the City, had 380 spaces with the ability to be expanded to 600 spaces. Mr. Sage-Martinson said the City had looked at expanding the ramp in the past, and it could hold even more than 600 spaces. Councilmember Prince said that was a good place to have parking for the development, and if they were going to be using the balance of the TIF money she wanted to highlight that opportunity cost.*

*Council President Stark moved the amendments. Yeas - 7 Nays - 0*

*Council President Stark clarified that the public hearing would be on the amended version. He asked those who wanted to be heard in opposition to stand. Four people stood. Council President Stark said they would stick to the standard 15 minutes of testimony per side.*

*Rich Neumeister (no address given) encouraged the Council to wait a week if there were still questions, and said the momentum shouldn't be allowed to do the deal. He asked that data practices laws apply to the agreements, and said he still had questions about cost overruns and identification of revenue streams. He said there should be language requiring the CFO to look at financials and report to the Council before specific actions could be taken. Mr. Hendrickson said data practices rules were part of the agreement.*

*Tom Goldstein (1399 Sherburne Avenue) said last August they were promised a free stadium and now had \$18 million in infrastructure that would benefit the team and stadium only. He said there were no guarantees that other investments or development would happen. He said the 200 page agreement had just been made available the previous Thursday, and he questioned whether the Council members had had time to review it. He said the transportation study should come before agreement, and expressed concerns that Midway residents would bear the brunt of the lack of parking plans. He said the Port was lead agency for environmental work, and they were the agency that missed soil contamination at the Gillette site and had cost overruns. He said there'd been no public process, and decisions were made by a hand-picked committee. He said the Saints stadium had not generated anything other than revenue for restaurants and bars. He said there would be no development in the Midway other than the stadium, and they would not get the Snelling station project. Council President Stark asked Mr. Goldstein to wrap up his comments in the interest of the other two people who wanted to speak. Mr. Goldstein said the Council should table the resolution and take the time to get real public input from people other than team supporters.*

*Mark Bradley (2164 Woodland Avenue, Maplewood) said some people were dreamers and some were pragmatists. He suggested using the clean-up fund site off Warner Road; he listed the attributes of the site.*

*Claire Press (1600 Lafond Avenue) said she was concerned that the cart was being put before the horse in terms of the parking and traffic study. She said I-94 and*

*Snelling was already the most highly used intersection in the state, and she didn't know why they were considering adding more congestion when other sites were available. She said a lot of money was being spent on the stadium when there were a lot of needs in the neighborhood, and the congestion would exacerbate existing neighborhood needs. She said she had a vested interest in small neighborhood-owned businesses and the neighborhood didn't need big box stores in the development. She said there was already a problem with panhandlers, and she wondered whether the site would be a magnet for more panhandlers. She said the two-year construction period would be a disruption for small businesses that had barely made it through the light rail.*

*Council President Stark asked others present in opposition to stand.*

*In support:*

*Gabriel Eduarte, Minneapolis resident, and Joy of the People School program participant, spoke in support.*

*Robert Salazar (4468 Dorchester Drive, Woodbury, MN), said, speaking on behalf of Midway Center and its current businesses and employees, said he shared the concerns about parking and traffic congestion. He said he had heard above-ground parking as going to be a requirement. Council President Stark said it was specifically not in the plan to have a parking ramp exclusively for the stadium, but the rest of the development as envisioned would include some parking that could be used for the stadium in the evening. Mr Salazar suggested requiring a parking ramp for the stadium. Council President Stark asked Mr. Salazar to wrap up his comments since he was sort of in opposition. Mr. Salazar said with the parking and traffic congestion he felt the area was going to be pummeled.*

*Don Mullin, St. Paul Building and Construction Trades Council, thanked the Council for ongoing support of construction around the city, and said they were very much in support of the stadium.*

*Bobby Casper, president of the Regional Labor Federation, said these areas in St. Paul areas needed a resurgence, and this would bring jobs and vitality.*

*Bruce McGuire, Minneapolis, said he had always wanted to see more energy at this intersection. He said he never thought he would see this growth in soccer and it's created an energy he didn't expect to see. He said he wished it was in Minneapolis but supported it no matter what.*

*Scott Demeranville, (1166 Thomas Avenue) said he would be attending every game and wouldn't be contributing to congestion because they didn't own a car. He said the issues with traffic had been exaggerated, and many people would be using public transportation.*

*Chai Lee (1815 Margaret Street) said as a refugee, immigrant person, he supported the stadium because soccer was one of the easiest and cheapest sports to play. He said soccer was a huge deal to the Hmong community and brought 40,000 people to Como fields every year. He said he appreciated the amendment for local ethnic food vendors, because when the white folks left the Midway in the 80s and 90s, it was ethnic businesses that put down the roots and revitalized the Midway.*

*Todd Johnson (515 Brimhall), executive director of the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission and of the National Sports Center Foundation, said the City was on the cusp of something that's a really big deal. He said soccer was an egalitarian sport, and he was very happy the Council was entertaining the motion.*

*Shereen McKeen (1555 Selby Avenue) said Midway had been a safety concern for as long as she could remember. She said it had been a huge passion of hers to see the development of the passion of having the soccer stadium there. She said traffic in the area was a concern but she believed problems could be worked out, and it would increase small business productivity and funds.*

*Terry Mattson, president of Visit Saint Paul and the RiverCentre Authority, asked for the Council's support. He said long ago their Board of Directors gave their unanimous support of the three agreements, and their role at Visit Saint Paul was to market the entire destination. He said the City could expect the same success as at the Xcel and Saints stadium, but what was different with the soccer stadium was the level of private investment and the opportunity to jump start even more. Council President Stark asked Mr. Mattson to wrap up. Mr. Mattson said this was a game changer and it all began with the Council's approval.*

*Jeff Fenske (2096 James Avenue) board chair of the Midway Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber was an adamant supporter of the project. He said approving the agreement would bring the most popular sport in the world to St. Paul, and put into motion private investment which would leverage public investments in the Green Line and infrastructure for the stadium. He said the investment would re-energize an already attractive area and bring big dividends to the entire city.*

*Hassen Hussein, African Community Development Solutions (ACDS), said a soccer stadium would be greeted warmly by the ACDS and the communities they served, and would go a long way in making African immigrants feel more at home in St. Paul. He said they hoped the stadium would go hand in hand with community engagement and neighborhood revitalization efforts.*

*Adam Jarvi (417 Herschel Street) said he was concerned about the consequences of not acting on this opportunity to make the neighborhood safer, more pedestrian friendly and a more active place to be.*

*Anne White (1731 Portland Avenue) said she had spent her life working to make St. Paul more walkable, so the proposed stadium and areas around it with the wide sidewalks, parks and plazas, and walkable spaces were the ultimate dream of what should happen in this area. She suggested that ahead of the resolution, the Council put forward a thank you to the developers for providing a plan with such walkable, livable spaces and for their willingness to support the above standard lighting and sidewalks.*

*Charlie Callaghan (1409 Shannon Drive, Woodbury) said to he would park in downtown St. Paul, visit a watering hole, and take the Green Line to the stadium, and that thousands of others would as well. He said without the Xcel, Ordway, and the new baseball stadium, St. Paul would be pretty dead like it was 20-some years ago when he moved here. He said if we wanted to be a world class city, these were things we needed in the city and they improved the quality of life for everyone by offering options.*

*Rob Spence (893 Goodrich Avenue) said he was on the board of directors of the St. Paul Blackhawks soccer club, and Minnesota United had been a great partner for their organization.*

*Mark Fangmeier (455 Banfil Street) said the ability to take the worst that 80s big box car-centric infrastructure had to offer and turn it into a vibrant, forward-looking 21st century community was awesome. He said the Jackson Street construction was*

costing more than the infrastructure costs for this project, and he didn't think the Jackson Street project would provide \$600 million in private development and investment. He said it seemed absurd to turn that kind of important private investment away.

Bill Driver, president of the Highland Groveland Recreation Association, welcome professional soccer back into St. Paul on behalf of 1600 youthful soccer players in St. Paul.

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

Council President Stark thanked Mr. Hurley, Mr. Sage-Martinson, and the whole team working on the agreements. He said they were substantial documents that the Council didn't have a ton of time to review, but the upside was the documents were completely consistent with the values the Council went into the process holding and communicating to the staff. He said it was true there wasn't a specific proposal for additional development, but there was specific evidence of much more interest in the site than before the soccer stadium idea appeared. He said the owner of RK Midway would be losing lease revenues initially, and would be motivated to get something built and start revenues flowing for his land again. He said there were some risks to the City and taxpayers, they were greatly outweighed by the benefits of the deal. He said as someone who lived very close to the site, he said he would be with those concerned by parking and traffic issues and equally motivated to make sure they were addressed. He said providing a lot of parking encouraged people to drive to the site, which added to the traffic issues. He said it was a balancing act because they wanted people to use public transportation but there would also have to be some parking options available. He said there was a lot of work yet to do on the traffic and parking issues, as was acknowledged in the public hearing.

Councilmember Noecker thanked everyone who came to testify in favor and against. She said she recognized this was a big deal for the City, and she'd been taking it seriously and reading the agreements carefully, and having a number of conversations with staff. She said her prime concern was that the City realize a return on their investment, and she reviewed questions she'd asked of staff. She said given what she knew so far she felt confident the the agreement was solid and she believed it would catalyze development on the rest of the site. She said she was fully aware there would be no return on investment on the stadium portion of the site, and she would be looking very closely at the second phase of the site. Council President Stark said the public infrastructure was essential for the stadium but also consistent with the public infrastructure plan that had been on the table for the site for many years with regard to the Snelling Station Area Plan. he said part of the return on the the investment of the stadium site infrastructure was creating that place that was beyond the stadium.

Councilmember Thao thanked everyone for their testimony. He said St. Paul was a small city of connected communities, and development in the Midway would benefit the entire city. He said the City was once again being a leader and setting a precedent by driving a hard bargain so that - unlike with other stadiums - all operations, construction and maintenance were the responsibility of the team. He said the City would continue to be committed and vigilant to make sure its public interests were being met, and the entire development produced measurable environmental and racial equity outcomes. He spoke about the factors he had considered in making his decision to support the stadium, especially related to how it would affect St. Paul families and children. He said he felt the project could serve to unite the community. He acknowledged the work of Councilmember Prince and Jay Benanov in bringing bring Allina to the bus barn site in the early 2000s, which planted



*a seed and cast a bold vision into the future. He thanked the other Council members, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Kristin Beckmann, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Sage-Martinson, and their staffs for their work and assistance. He said the development would shape the future and he would support it.*

*Council President Stark acknowledged the important work of the community advisory committee. He said he was able to be at the meeting where the stadium plans were presented, and, while there were concerns raised, there was lots of positive feedback.*

*Councilmember Tolbert thanked everyone for coming, and thanked staff for their work, especially Mr. Hurley. He said the site was currently a sea of concrete and pollution, and a tired shopping center. He said the stadium was a game changer for the neighborhood, the City, the region and the state. He said the \$150 million investment with the \$18 million public investment would give the City a clean bus barn site on a site no one had been interested previously; large amounts of green space along the Green Line and in areas that were currently parking lots; jobs at and around the stadium; and half a million people coming to the Midway area every year. He said Mr. Hurley was able to meet every deal point initially discussed by the Council, without the huge state or city investment that was usually part of stadium deals. He said the vote was about the future of St. Paul and whether we want to be a world class city or a sleepy suburb. He said he wanted to be a world class city and to add the world's game, and he wanted to add entertainment, investment and vitality; and this was vitality and investment in a St. Paul neighborhood that wanted and needed it. He said it was public investment now and would be economic benefit for the St. Paul tax rolls and St. Paul businesses for decades to come. He said it was a great opportunity and he would fully support it, and hoped his colleagues would too.*

*The Council recessed, and convened as the HRA at 7:35 p.m.*

*The HRA adjourned, and the Council reconvened at 7:57 p.m.*

*Councilmember Thao moved approval of the resolution.*

**Adopted as amended**

**29**     [Ord 16-3](#)

Granting the application of Jamestown Homes LLLP to rezone their property at 586 Central Avenue W from RM2 Multiple-Family Residential to T2 Traditional Neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Saint Paul zoning map.

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

**Public hearing held and closed; laid over to March 9 for final adoption**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

- 30**     [RES PH 16-48](#)     Approving the application of O’Gara’s Bar and Grill Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music in an enclosed tent on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 164 Snelling Avenue North.

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

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

- 31**     [RES PH 16-44](#)     Approving the application of Visit Saint Paul for a sound level variance in order to use live music and DJs on the street and in fully enclosed tents, in an area on Seventh Street West between 174 Seventh Street West and 258 Seventh Street West, during the Visit Saint Paul Lucky Palooza Event on March 12, 2016.

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

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 32**     [RES PH 16-45](#)     Approving the application of Burger Moe’s for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music in an enclosed tent on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 240 Seventh Street West.

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

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 33**     [RES PH 16-46](#)     Approving the application of Patrick McGovern's for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music in an enclosed tent on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 225 Seventh Street West.
- No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen
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- 34**     [RES PH 16-47](#)     Approving the application of Team Ortho Foundation for a sound level variance in order to present announcements along Sibley Street from Kellogg Boulevard to Shepard Road, with use of a sound system, for the Get Lucky Run on Saturday, March 12, 2016.
- No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen
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- 35**     [RES PH 16-51](#)     Approving the application of Shamrock's Irish Nook for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music in an enclosed tent on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 995 Seventh Street West.
- No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 36**     [RES PH 16-1](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Property from July to September 2015. (File No. 1601LDSRP, Assessment No. 164000)
- No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince
- Nay:** 0
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- 37**     [RES PH 16-2](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Property from July to September 2015. (File No. SWRP1601, Assessment No. 163000)
- In opposition:*  
*Tou Lee (386 Sherburne) said they were instructed to fix sewer pipe from house to main line. He said they received the letter in July 2015, but found out later that the sewer pipe was broken four years ago. He said they couldn't afford to pay for it now and were asking the City to bear some responsibility in helping them pay for it.*
- Council President said because the charge was an assessment it could be paid on the property taxes over a longer period of time, as much as 20 years. He said it wouldn't be fair to give Mr. Lee a different deal than everyone else.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Tolbert
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- 38**     [RES PH 16-6](#)     Ratifying the assessment for an upgrade in size to water connection serving 1342 Van Buren Avenue. (File No. 19184, Assessment No. 156101)
- No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 5 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Thao and Councilmember Tolbert

#### LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

47 [RLH FCO](#)  
[15-342](#)

Appeal of Jane Hanson to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 637  
EARL STREET.

*Legislative Hearings Coordinator Mai Vang gave a staff report on the appeal of the ceiling height requirement in the upstairs bedroom. She said the code required 7' over half the floor area, and the maximum height here was 6'5". She said Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond had recommended denying the variance on the attic space based on the room being labeled to as an attic in code compliance done in 2008.*

*In opposition:*

*Appellant Jane Hanson said the third bedroom was the entire third floor of the duplex and had been rented as a bedroom since 2008. She said the room size was 16 x 28' and the ceiling height was 6'6". She said the current tenants had two children sleeping there now. She said the average male height in the United States was 5'9", and 3.9% of the male population was above 6'2" and less than 0.5% over 6'6". She said if they happened to have a tenant in that small population they could sleep in one of the second floor bedroom with 9' ceilings. She said she didn't understand what the safety issue was because the room had a closet, a dressing room, skylights and a big dormer window for egress as well as a big stairway. She said she didn't understand why they had to tell the tenants they had to move, or why they could no longer rent it as a 3-bedroom. She said renting it as a 2-bedroom would cause them to lose at least \$200 a month.*

*Councilmember Brendmoen asked whether the City had signed off on the bedroom previously. Ms. Hanson said they bought it as a 3-bedroom, and previous inspectors hadn't cited it. She said there was really now other use for the room. She said they were asking for a variance, and had complied with everything else.*

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

*Councilmember Prince said this was a tough one for her. She said they purchased it believing it was a 3-bedroom and had the egress window. She said she recalled an earlier case in ward 7 where violations were found, and it didn't matter that the property had passed earlier inspections. Council President Stark said that was right, and the City had an obligation to make sure code was met even when violations had been missed previously. He said he had seen a number of situations where a variance had been granted for a couple of inches, and while he understood the argument about not many people being taller than 6'5", it was also about the health and safety of firefighters.*

*Councilmember Bostrom said Council approval would be going on the record as saying that into the future this was okay to do this with this particular property, but it really wasn't okay. He said if it was just an inch that would be something to talk about, but with six inches wasn't realistic. He said the other issue was if the Council approved this in spite of the regulations, and there was a fire and injuries, someone could come back and say the Council knew this was a potentially a fire hazard. He said it was unfortunate the owners wouldn't be able to get as much rent, but the Council had the responsibility to make sure it was safe for the occupants and for firefighters.*

*Councilmember Noecker said the code read that all habitable areas had to have a ceiling height of at least 7' over half the area, and she asked for clarification as to whether the space could be used at all. Council President Stark the Council defined a habitable space as a bedroom. Councilmember Noecker asked for further clarification. Deputy City Attorney Gerald Hendrickson said he had only seen this*

*come up as a bedroom, although he didn't know what DSI's interpretation was. He said it didn't mean no one could go into the room. Ms. Vang said in the past Ms. Moermond indicated it could be used a playroom but not a bedroom.*

*Councilmember Prince said she regretted that Ms. Hanson was going to have to displace a family, but didn't feel the Council could make an exception for a variance to the fire code for a substantial amount. She moved to deny the appeal.*

**Adopted**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**76**     [RLH TA 16-3](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 663 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J1605A, Assessment No. 168504; amended to File No. J1605A1, Assessment No. 168521)

*Mai Vang, Legislative Hearings Assistant, gave a staff report on the assessment for a property clean-up. She reviewed the dates and said the total cost was \$484. She said the appellant stated it was illegal dumping and the materials were down the alley prior to being on his property. She said the inspector's response to follow-up from Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond was that he recalled talking to the owner, and catching the owner's supposed cleaning crew smoking weed while he was there, but did not recall discussing the dumping issue with the owner. Ms. Vang said Ms. Moermond's recommendation as to approve the assessment because the City had to go out and do the work.*

*In opposition:*

*Appellant Henry Stewart said he heard from a neighbor that the items were dropped off by someone who lived two houses down. He said the neighbor called the City to report it but no one did anything about it. He said he had his secretary call the City and nobody would do anything. He said he went down to City offices and spoke to code enforcement inspector (Matt), who said he would take care of it. Mr. Stewart said the materials were cleaned up and then he got an invoice. He said he spoke to the inspector again and was told the inspector would look into it, but he hadn't heard back. He said he couldn't trust City staff.*

*Council President Stark asked for clarification as to whether Mr. Stewart went to talk to the inspector after receiving the Summary Abatement letter. Mr. Stewart said that was correct. He reviewed the sequence of events, and said he had emptied the materials from the shopping cart himself.*

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

*Councilmember Thao said he wasn't clear on what the property owner was asking for, but felt that as a property owner and landlord Mr. Stewart was responsible for making sure items are cleaned up. Mr. Stewart said there was no tenant. Councilmember Thao asked Mr. Stewart what he was asking for. Mr. Stewart said he was asking that the Council look into the situation. He said he would have taken care of it himself if the inspector hadn't said he would. He said he had a dumpster at another property. Council President Stark asked Mr. Stewart whether he was asking to not be charged. Mr. Stewart said that was correct.*

*Councilmember Noecker asked whether there would be a record of the interactions with the inspector. Ms. Vang said Mr. Stewart had initially identified the inspector as Mark and then as Matt, but neither of those inspectors worked in that area. She said the inspector involved in the case was Sean Westenhofer, and she had contacted him for information on this appeal. In answer to Councilmember Noecker's question, Council President Stark said there was no record of the conversation.*

*Councilmember Bostrom noted the history of trash problems in 2014. He said getting rid of mattresses was a big expensive project for the City, and it looked like the dickens for the neighborhood. He said City had done the work and incurred the cost in this case.*

*Councilmember Thao said he sympathized with the property owner but agreed with Councilmember Bostrom. He moved approval of the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation.*

**Adopted as amended (file and assessment numbers changed)**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

**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**

*No one appeared in opposition; Councilmember Bostrom 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, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

- 39**     [RLH VBR 16-9](#)     Appeal of Tomer Shmida, Osaka Properties Llc, to a Vacant Building Registration Fee at 1235 ALBEMARLE STREET.  
**Adopted**
- 40**     [RLH FCO 15-347](#)     Appeal of Nadya Poulson to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1035 ARKWRIGHT STREET.  
**Adopted**
- 41**     [RLH TA 16-29](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1741 ASHLAND AVENUE. (File No. CRT1605, Assessment No. 158204)  
**Adopted**
- 42**     [RLH AR 15-108](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services during September 2015 at 1404 BARCLAY STREET. (File No. J1604C, Assessment No. 162003)  
**Adopted**
- 43**     [RLH TA 16-39](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1103 BEECH STREET. (File No. J1605E, Assessment No. 168304)  
**Adopted**



- 44     [RLH FCO 16-25](#)     Appeal of Doris L. Miller-Johnson to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy with Deficiencies at 1219 BUSH AVENUE #1.  
**Adopted**
- 45     [RLH TA 16-99](#)     Amending Council File RLH AR 15-72 to reduce the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed from April 20 to May 8, 2015 at 622 CHATSWORTH STREET NORTH. (File No. CRT1601, Assessment No. 168200)  
**Adopted**
- 46     [RLH VBR 16-10](#)     Appeal of Rex Hale to a Vacant Building Registration Fee at 693 DESOTO STREET.  
**Adopted**
- 48     [RLH VBR 16-11](#)     Appeal of Tony Hoong to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 402 FRY STREET.  
**Adopted**
- 49     [RLH TA 16-36](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 171 GRANITE STREET. (File No. CRT1605, Assessment No. 168204)  
**Adopted**
- 50     [RLH TA 16-37](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 617 GREENBRIER STREET. (File No. J1605E, Assessment No. 168304)  
**Adopted**
- 51     [RLH TA 16-33](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1358 HAZELWOOD STREET. (File No. CRT1605, Assessment No. 168204)  
**Adopted**
- 52     [RLH TA 15-573](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 354 HOPE STREET. (File No. J1604A, Assessment No. 168503; amended to File No. J1604A1, Assessment No. 168520) (Public hearing continued from February 3)  
**Adopted as amended (file and assessment numbers amended)**
- 53     [RLH TA 15-587](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 354 HOPE STREET. (File No. J1604G, Assessment No. 168703; amended to File No. J1604G1, Assessment No. 168708, and to delete the assessment) (Public hearing continued from February 3)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted; file and assessment numbers amended)**

- 55     [RLH VBR 16-6](#)     Appeal of David Johnson, Lake Jane LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 609 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST.  
**Adopted**
- 56     [RLH RR 16-4](#)     Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 363 KING STREET WEST within sixty (60) days after the March 2, 2016, City Council Public Hearing with a report in 30 days with the bids.  
**Adopted**
- 57     [RLH TA 16-31](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 792 LAKE STREET. (File No. J1605E, Assessment No. 168304)  
**Adopted**
- 58     [RLH TA 16-25](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 823 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. CRT1605, Assessment No. 168204)  
**Adopted**
- 59     [RLH FCO 16-27](#)     Appeal of Attorney Patricia Whitney, on behalf of Greg Bauer, to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 110 MAGNOLIA AVENUE WEST.  
**Adopted**
- 60     [RLH TA 16-50](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 467 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (Assessment Roll under 455 Maryland Avenue West; File No. J1605E, Assessment No. 168304)  
**Adopted**
- 61     [RLH TA 16-32](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 794 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J1605E, Assessment No. 168304)  
**Adopted**
- 62     [RLH TA 15-554](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1031 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. VB1603, Assessment No. 168802; amended to File No. VB1603A, Assessment No. 168807)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment approved; file and assessment numbers amended)**
- 63     [RLH VBR 15-106](#)     Appeal of Ian Houmas, Adonis Eco Housing, to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Fee Requirement at 1036 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.  
**Adopted**

- 64     [RLH FCO 16-30](#)     Appeal of Diane Trout-Oertel to a Fire Safety Inspection Appointment at 365 MOUNT CURVE BOULEVARD.  
**Adopted**
- 65     [RLH VO 16-6](#)     Appeal of Paul Ziezulewicz, SMRLS, for Alicia Garcia to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 287 PAGE STREET EAST.  
**Adopted**
- 66     [RLH VO 16-7](#)     Appeal of Ken Schivone, Attorney for Bill Bernier, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate 287 PAGE STREET EAST.  
**Adopted**
- 67     [RLH SAO 16-4](#)     Appeal of Leonard Biagini to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1103 PAYNE AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 68     [RLH TA 15-614](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 893 RANDOLPH AVENUE. (File No. J1604E, Assessment No. 168303; amended File No. J1604E1, Assessment No. 168310)  
**Adopted**
- 69     [RLH SAO 16-3](#)     Appeal of Gwynne Evans to an Order of Abatement at 1765 RANDOLPH AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 70     [RLH VBR 16-7](#)     Appeal of Richard J. Schwartz to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 2052-2054 REANEY AVENUE.  
**Adopted**
- 71     [RLH TA 15-543](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1198 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J1603A, Assessment No. 168502; amended to File No. J1603A2, Assessment No. 168514, and amended to delete)  
**Adopted**
- 72     [RLH FCO 16-29](#)     Appeal of Roxann Christian to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 2318 STANDISH STREET.  
**Adopted**

- 73     [RLH TA 16-26](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1034 SUBURBAN AVENUE (File No. CRT1605, Assessment No. 168204).  
**Adopted**
- 74     [RLH TA 16-28](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 421 SUMMIT AVENUE. (File No. J1605P, Assessment No. 168404)  
**Adopted**
- 75     [RLH TA 16-23](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 2328 TERRITORIAL ROAD. (File No. J1605P, Assessment No. 168404)  
**Adopted**
- 77     [RLH TA 16-27](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 550 VANDALIA STREET. (File No. CRT1605, Assessment No. 168204)  
**Adopted**
- 78     [RLH TA 16-35](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Property at 1809 YORKSHIRE AVENUE. (File No. J1603C, Assessment No. 162002)  
**Adopted as amended (assessment approved and payable over 10 years)**
- 79     [RLH AR 15-104](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed from August 8 to September 11, 2015. (File No. CRT1605, Assessment No. 168204)  
**Adopted**
- 80     [RLH AR 15-105](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Inspection/Abatement services billed from August 24 to September 25, 2015. (File No. J1605E, Assessment No. 168304)  
**Adopted as amended (1863 Ames Avenue, 858 Burr Street, 720 Hawthorne Avenue East, and 1152 Lane Place removed from the assessment roll for separate consideration)**
- 81     [RLH AR 15-106](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services from October 14 to November 9, 2015. (File No. J1605P, Assessment No. 168404)  
**Adopted**
- 82     [RLH AR 15-107](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services from July to August 2015. (File No. J1603C, Assessment No. 162002)  
**Adopted**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Councilmember Prince moved adjournment.*

**Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.**

**Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, City Council President Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

**Nay:** 0

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