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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

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Council President Stark at 3:32 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 17-59](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1536 Van Buren Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

 Received and filed
- 2 [CO 17-60](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 642 Charles Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

 Received and filed
- 3 [AO 17-82](#) Amending CDBG and ESG activities budgets.

 Received and filed

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. If discussion on an item is desired, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Approval of the Consent Agenda (Items 4 - 10)

Item 8 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Item 10 was withdrawn.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval of the Consent Agenda as amended.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

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| 4 | <u>RES 17-1767</u> | Amending the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round program for Historic Saint Paul.
Adopted |
| 5 | <u>RES 17-1779</u> | Supporting the request for funding to study the potential impacts of raising the minimum wage.
Adopted |
| 6 | <u>Min 17-37</u> | Approving the minutes of the May, June, and July 2017 City Council meetings.
Adopted |
| 7 | <u>RES 17-1708</u> | Authorizing City execution of a Consent to License and Facilities Use Agreement to authorize the co-location of law enforcement operations between the Police Department and Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.
Adopted |
| 9 | <u>RES 17-1616</u> | Approving the amendment to the agreement of transfer of St. Paul Police employee, Steven J. Frazer, to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.
Adopted |
| 10 | <u>RES 17-1737</u> | Approving adverse action against the Solid Waste Hauler & Vehicle, and Solid Waste Hauler (Each Additional Vehicle) licenses held by Coolidge Rolloff Service, Inc., d/b/a Coolidge Rolloff at 560 Randolph Avenue. (To be withdrawn)
Withdrawn |

FOR DISCUSSION

- 8 [RES 17-1735](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a redevelopment proposal to the Board of Water Commissioners to accept tentative developer status for the Highland Reservoir site.

Council President Stark: Mr. Tolbert.

Councilmember Tolbert: I pulled this to amend. There was some language in there that gave a different impression of what was going on. We're just submitting a proposal to the Board of Water Commissioners. It's not tying us to any commitment. I have deleted the last resolve on this. So I make a motion for this amendment and approval.

Council President Stark: OK. Ms. Prince.

Councilmember Prince: Could we have a brief staff report on this. I have a number of questions.

Council President Stark: Ms. Brendmoen.

Councilmember Brendmoen: I think getting a staff report would be great, but do you think striking that is something we would do, regardless?

Councilmember Prince: Do you mean pass that first? Make the amendment first or?

Councilmember Brendmoen: I have the same feeling. There's two things going on here. One is the proposal and the other is tentative developer status. I was wondering if we can work off Version 2.

Councilmember Tolbert: I move my amended version.

Council President Stark: Mr. Tolbert moves the amended version. Any further discussion on that? Seeing none, all those in favor? [All say Aye.] Opposed? [None opposed.] The motion carries.

Ms. Moore: Seven in favor, none are opposed. The amendment is approved.

Council President Stark: All right. Mr. Hahm if you could join us; Ms. Prince has got a couple of questions.

Councilmember Prince: I wonder if you could give us the background on this? It got my attention when we are talking about adding Parks obligations, we're going to develop something that we are going to be maintaining. What kind of costs and budgets are we potentially implicating here?

Mike Hahm, Parks and Recreation Director: This is work related to the St Paul Water Utility and the Board of Water Commissioners is doing in de-commissioning one of the reservoirs at the Highland site. There's been a community conversation and a conversation at the Water Board that's gone on for the better part of a year talking about the potential reuse of that site. Our staff has been engaged and we have explored what high quality athletic fields would look like at that site. I know there's interest in other land use as well. We've been invited back with more information by the Board of Water Commissioners. After review with my staff, in the interest of transparency, our decision was to provide a proposal and a resolution, like we would for

best practices around grants. For grants we usually say "we want to apply and accept" and that's why the language was in here. I agree that it makes sense to strike any reference to the developer status that could follow an award and make the commitment that, if discussions advance, we would come back to this Council with decisions about what that could be. And what implications could be to budget or operating. The goals right now would be to advance fields as part of the discussion at Ford, er, at the Highland Reservoir site. Two related items: high quality athletic fields are a priority for all areas of the city; and potential loss of the Ford fields is an issue in this discussion.

Councilmember Noecker: Thank you. That was going to be my question as well. We just had a conversation about funding parks we have committed to and new parks, as in this case. In addition to operating, which you say we will know more about later, is this submitted jointly with Ramsey or are they coming separately to the Board?

Mike Hahm, Parks and Recreation Director: Ramsey is submitting a separate proposal that would include an expansion of their ice skating facilities. We are open to merging our proposals for public space and recreation use, if that's the pleasure of the community and the Board of Water Commissioners. Right now, this is exploratory and this is our proposal.

Councilmember Prince: One thing that comes up when we have a new project like this that uses staff time, design time, is there a project code or a budget for this particular site that this will be charged off to? I know the issue has come up in conjunction with how do we get design work done with St Paul Urban Tennis, there isn't any funded project there so we have to catch as catch can.

Mike Hahm, Parks and Recreation Director: We don't have a specific project budget associated with this. We are pursuing this similar to the way we would for a grant application. The two page letter in Legistar is the extent of the work we've been doing until we have a better sense of the will of the Water Board and if people are going to have us take a look at this.

Council President Stark: Other questions? A "reservoir" of ideas, for sure. [Laughter from Council.] All right. If there's no further discussion, a motion by Mr. Tolbert for approval. Any discussion on that? Seeing none, all those in favor? [All say Aye.] opposed? [None opposed.] The motion carries.

Ms. Moore: Seven in favor, none opposed. The resolution is adopted as amended.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

11 [RES 17-1776](#)

Approving the final contract with an LLC comprised of the currently licensed residential trash collectors to provide trash collection to residents of the City of Saint Paul.

Council President Stark: A staff report is forthcoming. Ms. Lantry, welcome back.

Public Works Director Kathy Lantry: I will give you a really high level overview of the contract before you since I believe all of you have been briefed, and rebriefed. I want to start with talking about our negotiating team of Anne Hunt, Kris Hageman and Rachel Tierney. They are the rock stars who got us to today. So just a pause for a second because these folks put heart and soul into getting us to today, an extraordinary job on the contract through many meetings and many hours. I acknowledge other partners from Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC, as well as myself and Todd Hurley from the Office of Financial Services after the City Council July 17 meeting. There's a lot of support from St Paul Public Works, the Office of Financial Services, and Springsted Incorporated. We would not have gotten to today would it not have been for the haulers being willing to participate in this process so, thanks to them for participating as well.

A little about the negotiation process, we are here as a result of a negotiation. We did not do a request for proposals. The contract that is before you is a negotiation. Each one of the items in there is a result of a negotiation. Because this is the process we took, we allowed for more time to get it right and our priorities to be included. Some of the stats: 15 licensed haulers; 50 meetings over the last 15 months; 7 proposals; 10 draft contracts. I feel like I want to say "and a partridge in a pear tree." We think this mirrors the priorities that were set by the Council. Going back to how we got to today, this was the result of a community-led process. Community members shared with policy members things they wanted to see in an organized trash contract. Councilmembers added priorities to those. Some priorities were to keep the same haulers that exist in the City of St Paul, to have consistent and high quality service, less truck traffic in our alleys, stable and uniform and reasonable rates, and easy billing. We had other priorities that I won't call out that were also a part of this negotiated contract. There are at least 50 pages in the contract. We have weekly service options with choices of three size carts. There is also a small cart collected every other week. Free walk-up service is available to those who are less able-bodied. Bulky items, including a holiday tree, depend on the service option that is chosen. Customers will see uniform billing from the haulers who will do the billing for this, but we asked that all the bills look the same no matter who the hauler is. Customer service will be handled by the haulers directly. The City will own the carts and the haulers will manage them and make repairs as necessary. The City will provide education to the public and will do our best to ensure that garbage pick up and recycling are on the same day. This is our list of coordinated collection; I think all of you have this memorized. These are the prices negotiated in the contract before you, using today's rates. We know the Ramsey County disposal costs will be going up slightly in 2018; disposal costs are a pass-through in this contract.

The timeline: today you will vote on the contract; next week you will see the assessments rates that will be on the property tax statements; and we will begin implementation as soon as this meeting is completed, assuming passage. Annually, the City Council will adopt the billing rates. You will see those in Summer 2018, just as you will see annual assessment rates as well. Collection will begin October 2018.

Council President Stark: Great. Thank you so much. Questions about this

presentation. Mr. Bostrom.

Councilmember Bostrom: I have a question about the amounts. Could you put that slide up there again. [Speaks quietly while recording numbers.] Thank you for your indulgence.

Public Works Director Kathy Lantry: We can attach this presentation to the Legistar item as well.

Council President Stark: Great. Thank you. Other questions? I want to echo Ms. Lantry's thanks to the hundreds, thousands, of collective hours that staff have put into this work, working with the haulers to try to get to today. We appreciate your sticking with it and really getting the things that we asked you to get in an organized trash collection system and a contract for the City. It hasn't been easy and no new system is going to be perfect. I am 100% convinced that we got the best possible negotiated deal that we could out of this negotiation and we appreciate all that work. This is a major new undertaking for the City and I think there is a lot of work that remains between now and the actual implementation, to continue working with the haulers on logistics and details, but this was a huge hurdle, an enormous opportunity for our City to have a system in place that met all of the goals we had set out and will significantly increase quality of life and reduce emissions and wear and tear on our streets and illegal dumping. Thank you for all the work. Really appreciate it. Others? It looks like people just want to vote. Ms. Prince.

Councilmember Prince: I have alerted our wonderful staff about my decision not to support the contract. I deeply appreciate the hard work done by so many to get us to today and I support the policy of organized trash hauling as an idea whose time has come. I really believe that we need to do it. The devil is in the details and there are certain details in the contract that fall short of the expectations that I had set for it. I trust it will pass today and I will do everything in my power to support the project going forward.

Councilmember Tolbert: Thank you very much to the staff as well as the 15 haulers in St Paul who spent a lot of time together to get this negotiation done. I think we came out with a good product. I also want to thank Public Works staff. When they came before us two months ago with their status at that point, you heard from this Council that you pretty much hit every point that we put in our resolution a year or two ago. The one concern I had and I think everybody had was, can we get that cost down. For most of the people in St Paul, the cost will go down. Some people have really good deals and their costs might go up. When we looked at the cost discrepancies a few months ago, we said it just wasn't right and we can do something so it's a fair price for everybody across the City, but also a fair price for the services that we are getting. I thank you for implementing what we asked for and getting some of those costs down. We are long past due going to organized collection. I want to thank the members of the MacGroveland Council for kicking this off for the City of St Paul. Just like a lot of recycling issues, this came out of Macalester/Groveland and got the whole City to look at it. It's a big step forward for St Paul.

Councilmember Thao: I also want to thank the staff; they did an incredible job. It was a difficult task to do because we set out many values we want, for example, to protect our haulers, to have quality, equitable services. Believe me, we drove a good bargain for the City and overall, this is a sound, balanced proposal. I also want to thank Frogtown Green, Frogtown Neighborhood Association, MacGroveland District Council. This was an tremendous effort but this direction will protect our environment

and our streets. In the long "haul" [laughter], this will be much better for our City. I will support that.

Council President Stark: Well done. Others? Mr. Bostrom.

Councilmember Bostrom: I appreciate all the work that went into this; this was a monumental undertaking, there's no question about it. It's been hanging out there for more than 30 or more years. A few weeks ago, I brought up the discrepancy in the rates between what we are being offered as opposed to our neighbors across the street, if you go across McKnight or you go across Larpenteur. In a lot of cases, they are paying 38% of what we are expecting our citizens to pay. As I've looked at this and been involved in the negotiations, it struck me that probably what we should have done is go out for bids on this just to find out what somebody would offer to do it for. I am having a heckuva time trying to figure out how they can do a 20 gallon pickup for \$6.61 and we're charging \$19.79 plus another \$2.50. It doesn't make sense to me and I don't have any idea how that happened because it is such a large difference. When you get up to the 95 gallon, the difference \$13.07 and \$34, I can't get my arms around that much of a discrepancy. As a result of it, I'm not going to support it, but I appreciate the effort of the folks that went to work on this. I am more concerned for the citizens and what they are going to be paying for this than the haulers. God bless them, somebody's got to haul this stuff away. But on the other hand, we've got tens of thousands of citizens out there that are going to be paying some mighty big bills for this.

Council President Stark: Any other discussion? Seeing none, let's have a roll call vote.

Ms. Moore: Thao.

Councilmember Thao: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Tolbert.

Councilmember Tolbert: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Bostrom.

Councilmember Bostrom: No.

Ms. Moore: Brendmoen.

Councilmember Brendmoen: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Noecker.

Councilmember Noecker: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Prince.

Councilmember Prince: No.

Ms. Moore: Council President Stark.

Council President Stark: Yes.

*Ms. Moore: Five in favor, two opposed, being Councilmembers Bostrom and Prince.
The resolution is adopted.*

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert,
Councilmember Stark and Councilmember Noecker

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Bostrom and Councilmember Prince

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.

Second Reading

- 12 [Ord 17-55](#) Granting the application of Twin City Concrete Products Co. to rezone property at 1477-1485 Minnehaha Avenue East from VP Vehicular Parking to T2 Traditional Neighborhood, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.
- Laid over to November 15 for third reading/public hearing
- 13 [Ord 17-56](#) Granting the application of Michael Mohrlant to rezone the property at 550 Smith Avenue South from RM2 multiple family to B2 community business, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.
- Laid over to November 15 for third reading/public hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14 [Ord 17-51](#)

Amending Chapter 198 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the keeping of chickens.

Council President Stark: All right. This is a public hearing that is back before us that was previously laid over. Would anyone like to be heard on item 14? Seeing none, a motion to close the public hearing is made by Mr. Bostrom. All those in favor? [All say Aye.] Any opposed? [None opposed.] The motion carries. The public hearing is closed. Mr. Bostrom.

Councilmember Bostrom: I would like to propose an amendment. The way this is set up is a person must notify OR obtain written consent from nearby residents. Well, that means you don't have to get anybody's permission, you can just tell them you are going to get some chickens. I also don't understand, if the residence is a duplex, does that mean instead of having six chickens, you can have 12 chickens? If it's a four-plex, can you have two dozen chickens? Where is the chicken coop going to be placed? Behind the house? Right next to the neighbor's fence? These are things that I don't understand and I've been reading about chickens and yards and stuff. All I want to do is amend this when we get to B, the consent part of it, where we just say they must obtain the written consent of abutting property owners. I think that's a responsible way to inform the neighbors and ask the neighbors "hey, would it be OK if I had some chickens?" I think that's responsible instead of telling them "I'm going to get some chickens and whether you like it or not, that's just too bad." I would offer that as a motion, to just say that you "must obtain the written consent of the abutting property owners." I don't think that's too difficult.

Council President Stark: All right. Mr. Bostrom is moving that as an amendment. Ms. Brendmoen.

Councilmember Brendmoen: I would like to speak in opposition to that amendment and I appreciate that you put that on hold last week. I'm not sure if you've done any editing to the language, part of it was just clarifying the language. Two things: we wanted to hear back from the food and nutrition commission and we did hear back from them and they were supportive of the version before us; second, I checked with people who keep chickens and who are interested in the issue and they said we are moving away from the current requirement that you need 75% consent of the property owners within 150 feet of your property line. By changing it to be 100% of the abutting properties, we are actually making it more challenging for people to keep chickens. What we wanted to do is make it less challenging so more people are in compliance in doing it, properly licensed chicken keeping. In this situation, if you have a bad relationship with a neighbor, you can't keep chickens. We talked about whether there should be an appeal process, but people I checked in with asked what would the appeal process be based on. Is it just leave it up to the City Council to decide whether the neighbor has a good reason or a bad reason for saying no to the person who wants to keep chickens? Is it because they don't like their neighbor? Is that a good enough reason to say no? Or is it because of where the coop is located? We haven't determined that. We haven't vetted all of that. I think the proposal in front of us, not the amendment, makes sense and lightens up the requirements for people to keep six or less chickens, which DSI has told us they don't have issues or problems with. However, if there are problems, people can report it to DSI and DSI can come out and it's a lot easier to get rid of bad chickens than bad landlords. I think moving forward with this ordinance, as it is written, as opposed to amended, makes sense. We can adjust it in a year if needed. The current proposal is fine the way it is.

Council President Stark: Mr. Bostrom

Councilmember Bostrom: Again, I will go back to the common courtesy of asking your neighbors "is it OK if we have chickens in our yard/" I don't think that's unreasonable at all; it is a City. In the past, we used to be able to burn, in 55 gallon drums, in our backyards before organized trash happened. The way that worked, if there was a neighbor dispute, the "offender" neighbor would place their 55 gallon drum right up against their neighbor's fence and then they would start the smudge fire burning in that thing about 4PM in the afternoon, after they had their laundry hanging on the line. People probably don't remember when people used to hang their laundry on the line, but a lot of folks did. The point is, these things can now be put up right against your neighbor's fence, your neighbor who doesn't want chickens, who doesn't like chickens. There's no requirement about where this thing has to be placed as I understand it.

Councilmember Brendmoen: There are requirements.

Council President Stark: The requirements have already been there. You are not seeing them because they are already in place.

Councilmember Bostrom: It's a common courtesy I think we should extend to the next door neighbor.

Council President Stark: I'm going to agree with Ms. Brendmoen after her thinking about this and explaining it, I do think it creates the potential of making it harder, as opposed to easier. If the desire of the Council is to have sign-off from neighbors, it would almost be better to leave it as is, than to go to needing to get the sign-off of all abutting neighbors. For the time being, I'm going to speak against the amendment. Others? Mr. Tolbert.

Councilmember Tolbert: I've been really torn on this one. I don't know what the right solution is and I haven't thought of one in the last week, so that's on me, but I do think there should be some neighbor sign-off when we are expanding traditional farm animals into a city. I don't know if Mr. Bostrom's amendment is the right one; I suspect I would rather go back to the original language and have the 75% sign-off. I'm going to support Mr. Bostrom's amendment; I don't think it is going to prevail. I think, reading the tea leaves, it will pass in the form Ms. Brendmoen put forward. It's thoughtful what you did, we just have a policy difference on this one. Maybe in a year, DSI can come back and talk to us about how "under six" chickens has worked. And if we need to, we can put in language for a sign-off. I've gone back and forth on this. I do think there should be sign-off for chickens in a neighborhood; it's different that what most people expect when they are moving into a City, to live next to farm animals.

Councilmember Prince: I will echo Councilmember Tolbert's words that I can't quite get to no sign-off, but I agree that the sign-off of immediate neighbors is problematic. The area of my Ward where people would want to have chickens is really like the country; Highwood Hills is very wide open, big lots and a lot of them back up onto publicly owned land. There's a difficulty in getting sign-off from a public entity. I am planning to support the amendment, but kind of in the same vein as Councilmember Tolbert in that I would like to see some level of permission granted in a neighborhood. I am torn about it. I have some concerns about the number, but I know we were told that six is a reasonable number. Was the legislation that you brought in, Council President Stark, to have three chickens without permission?

Council President Stark: Oh, those many years ago? It was.

Councilmember Prince: That didn't pass at that time.

Council President Stark: That's correct.

Councilmember Prince: Well, I am a great lover of animals and am married to a farm kid and this is a hard vote for me, in any case. I will leave it at that.

Council President Stark: Mr. Bostrom.

Councilmember Bostrom: Just a clarification. You've got a duplex on a 40 foot lot. Are we talking six chickens or 12 chickens? Is each unit a household?

Council President Stark: I'm not aware of the answer to that question. Do you know?

Councilmember Brendmoen: The coop, the site plan is for the parcel.

Council President Stark: So there's a limited number of spots on a lot that could have a coop, essentially, in terms of the setback and everything. All right. Further discussion on Mr. Bostrom's amendment? Ms. Brendmoen.

Councilmember Brendmoen: The goal here is to get people to permit their chickens. I am afraid if we have more onerous restrictions, and no problems, that what we are going to have is people just getting chickens without getting a permit. That's the worst case scenario because then we don't have a way to monitor them or an easy way for reporting and checking in on an annual basis. So if there's language or an amendment that gets at the goals we're looking for, I'm certainly willing to entertain that but the reason we went forward with this is there is not an easy solution, especially if we want to encourage people to go through the proper channels. This is an attempt. I think it's based on data and facts and what we've been hearing from DSI for the last 10 years that we've had chickens. We have them; they are scattered throughout the City; they're not going anywhere. That's the goal, to get people to get permits. I've been open to a different way of looking at this, but those ideas haven't come forth, so this is the best we've got right now and I would love your support.

Council President Stark: Any further discussion on Mr. Bostrom's amendment? Seeing none, let's have a roll call vote.

Ms. Moore: Thau.

Councilmember Thao: This is for the amendment? No.

Ms. Moore: Tolbert.

Councilmember Tolbert: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Bostrom.

Councilmember Bostrom: Aye.

Ms. Moore: Brendmoen.

Councilmember Brendmoen: No.

Ms. Moore: Noecker.

Councilmember Noecker: No.

Ms. Moore: Prince.

Councilmember Prince: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Council President Stark.

Council President Stark: No.

Ms. Moore: Three in favor, four opposed, being Councilmembers Thao, Noecker, Brendmoen and Council President Stark. The motion fails.

Council President Stark: A motion by Ms. Brendmoen to approve what's before us. Roll call.

Ms. Moore: Thao.

Councilmember Thao: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Tolbert.

Councilmember Tolbert: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Bostrom.

Councilmember Bostrom: No.

Ms. Moore: Brendmoen.

Councilmember Brendmoen: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Noecker.

Councilmember Noecker: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Prince.

Councilmember Prince: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Council President Stark.

Council President Stark: Yes.

Ms. Moore: Six in favor, one opposed, being Councilmember Bostrom. The ordinance is adopted.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Stark and Councilmember Noecker

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Bostrom and Councilmember Prince

15 [Ord 17-52](#)

Amending Chapter 357 of the Legislative Code to allow composting of fowl fecal waste or fowl litter.

No one was present to testify. Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

16 [Ord 17-53](#)

Amending Chapter 310 of the Legislative Code to add permit fees for Tier 1 Permits and Tier 2 Permits relating to the keeping of chickens.

No one was present to testify. Councilmember Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

Council members shared news from the wards.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Stark adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 0

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