



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Dai Thao
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Please see below for new meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 health pandemic emergency.

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

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 1 - 8)

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 1 [RES 20-599](#) Authorizing all City of Saint Paul Departments to accept gifts and donations that will help the City of Saint Paul to plan, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 2 [RES 20-600](#) Authorizing all City of Saint Paul Departments to apply for and accept grant funds to plan, prepare for, or respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 3 [RES 20-582](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2020 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City of Saint Paul and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #110.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Laid over to April 15 for adoption**
- 4 [RES 20-587](#) Approving the Labor Agreements between the Independent School District 625 and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020); District Lodge No. 77 International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers AFL-CIO (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021); International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 82/Local 1324 (June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2022); Operative Plasterers Local Union No. 265 (June 1, 2019 - May 31, 2022) and North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters (May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2022).
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Laid over to April 15 for adoption**
- 5 [RES 20-577](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between Fire Fighters Local 21 and the City of Saint Paul for the purpose of establishing clarification to sworn classifications, job transfer bid system, and seniority requirements for bid eligibility in the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020).
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 20-578](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between Fire Fighters Local 21, Fire Supervisory Association Local 3939 and the City of Saint Paul for the purpose of establishing new options for pre-65 Retiree Health Insurance.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**

- 7 [RES 20-583](#) Changing the rate of pay for the classifications of Labor Relations Specialist I and II, in EG 17, Non-Represented City Managers.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 8 [RES 20-571](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept the gym equipment donation from Lifetime Fitness.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 9 [SR 20-32](#) Staff report from the Administration.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Received and filed

- 10 [RES 20-621](#) Condemning xenophobia and racism against Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in the City of Saint Paul.

Sponsors: Brendmoen, Jalali, Thao, Noecker, Tolbert, Yang and Prince

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

ORDINANCES

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

First Reading

- 11 [Ord 20-16](#) Creating Sections 280.11 and 280.12 of the Legislative Code to make the sale or purchase of a catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle, by a person or business that is not properly licensed, a misdemeanor level offense.

Sponsors: Brendmoen, Prince, Noecker, Thao and Yang

Laid over to April 15 for second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 12 [RES PH 20-99](#) Approving an Interim Use Permit for a temporary emergency housing facility at Mary Hall, 436 Dorothy Day Place.
- Sponsors: Noecker
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

- 14 [RLH TA 19-750](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1489 BIRMINGHAM STREET. (File No. J2003A, Assessment No. 208502) (Public hearing continued from January 15)
- Sponsors: Yang
- Adopted as amended (assessment approved)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 16 [RLH VO 20-12](#) Appeal of James Cannon to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes condemnation of Unit 1) at 752 CARROLL AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Thao
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

For the following items, Legislative Hearing staff were unable to contact individual property owners, or the item is an assessment roll where there were too many property owners to contact. Therefore, the motion for the following items is to continue the public hearing to July 15, 2020 and re-notice the pending assessments.

- 13 [RLH TA 20-157](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 793 ARLINGTON AVENUE WEST. (File No. 2003T, Assessment No. 209002)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Public hearing continued to July 15
- 17 [RLH TA 20-158](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 365 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. 2003T, Assessment No. 209002)
- Sponsors: Thao
- Public hearing continued to July 15
- 19 [RLH AR 20-51](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Dangerous Tree(s) during November 2019 at 1306 Fairmount Avenue. (File No. 2004T, Assessment No. 208003)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Public hearing continued to July 15
- 24 [RLH TA 20-164](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 59 LAWSON AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2007E, Assessment No. 208306)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Public hearing continued to July 15
- 33 [RLH TA 20-156](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1941 SELBY AVENUE. (File No. CRT2007, Assessment No. 208206)
- Sponsors: Jalali
- Public hearing continued to July 15
- 35 [RLH AR 20-46](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration Fees billed during July 4 to October 21, 2019. (File No. VB2007, Assessment No. 208806)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Public hearing continued to July 15

- 22 [RLH TA 20-12](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 192 GRANITE STREET. (File No. J2007A, Assessment No. 208506) (Public hearing continued from February 5)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 27 [RLH VBR 20-19](#) Appeal of Thomas Lieberman to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1515 MARSHALL AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Thao
- Adopted**
- 28 [RLH VBR 20-20](#) Appeal of Thomas Lieberman to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1519 MARSHALL AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Thao
- Adopted**
- 29 [RLH VBR 20-22](#) Appeal of Thomas Lieberman to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1525 MARSHALL AVENUE.
- Sponsors: Thao
- Adopted**
- 30 [RLH VO 20-13](#) Appeal of Eileen Ciuraru or Richard Ciuraru to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 1616 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.
- Sponsors: Prince
- Adopted**
- 31 [RLH RR 20-21](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1146 PAYNE AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 19-22.
- Sponsors: Yang
- Adopted**
- 32 [RLH TA 20-147](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2114 PINEHURST AVENUE. (File No. J2007E, Assessment No. 208306)
- Sponsors: Tolbert
- Adopted**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

For the following cases, Legislative Hearing staff have contacted these property owners alerting them to the proposed recommended amendments and these recommendations are uncontested. Therefore, the motion is to amend and adopt these items.

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 25** [RLH TA 19-769](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1180 MARION STREET. (File No. J2002E, Assessment No. 208301) (Public hearing continued from January 15) (Amend to delete)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 26** [RLH RR 20-14](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 975 MARSHALL AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the April 8, 2020 City Council public hearing. (Amend to remove or repair within 180 days)
- Sponsors:** Thao
- Adopted as amended (180 days to remove or repair)**
- 34** [RLH RR 20-15](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 2022 STILLWATER AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the April 8, 2020 City Council public hearing. (Amend to grant 180 days)
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Adopted as amended (180 days to remove or repair)**

For the following cases, Legislative Hearing staff have contacted these property owners about continuing their public hearing or referring their matter to Legislative Hearing and these recommendations are uncontested. Therefore, the motion is to continue the Council public hearing or refer to Legislative Hearing to the dates indicated.

- 18** [RLH RR 20-13](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 134 ELIZABETH STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the April 8, 2020 City Council public hearing. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on April 21)
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Referred to Legislative Hearings on April 21**

- 20 [RLH TA 20-170](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1940 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE. (File No. J2007E, Assessment No. 208306) (Public hearing to be continued to June 3)

 Sponsors: Jalali

 Public hearing continued to June 3
- 21 [RLH TA 20-148](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1322 GRAND AVENUE. (File No. J2007E, Assessment No. 208306) (Public hearing to be continued to September 9)

 Sponsors: Tolbert

 Public hearing continued to September 9
- 23 [RLH TA 20-162](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1918 IVY AVENUE. (File No. VB2007, Assessment No. 208806)

 Sponsors: Yang

 Public hearing continued to April 15

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned

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Written public comment on public hearing items can be submitted to Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us or by voicemail at 651-266-6805.

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