



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, May 20, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

All public hearings at 3:30 p.m.

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 - 20)

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 1 [RES 20-745](#) Authorizing the City Attorney's Office to apply for, and if offered, accept, a \$340,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to fund one or more salaried positions of the City Attorney's Office for employees dedicated to prosecution of gone-on-arrival domestic assault cases.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 2 [RES 20-753](#) Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to enter into a license agreement with Interstate Parking Company of Minnesota LLC, 120 South 6th Street, Suite 2005.
- Sponsors: Noecker
- Adopted**
- 3 [RES 20-750](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during March 2 to 11, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 16, 2020 and City Council public hearing for March 21, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2019A, Assessment No. 208534)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 20-751](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during March 16 to 30, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for June 16, 2020 and City Council public hearing for March 21, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2020A, Assessment No. 208535)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 20-765](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Fire Prevention and Safety grant in the amount of \$108,574.50 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for community risk reduction activities and fire prevention and education activities.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 20-715](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2020 Wage and Fringe Adjustment for the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, Local 633.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**

- 7 [RES 20-716](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2020 Wage and Fringe Adjustment for the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 20-742](#) Establishing the rate of pay for the new classification of Plan Review Examiner III in EG 02, AFSCME Technical, Grade 045.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Laid over to May 27 for adoption**
- 9 [RES 20-744](#) Changing the rate of pay for the Health Information Administrator classification.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Laid over to May 27 for adoption**
- 10 [RES 20-741](#) Approving the Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters for 2019 Wage Corrections to the Building Inspector and Senior Building Inspector classifications in the May 1, 2019 - April 30, 2022 Labor Agreement.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Laid over to May 27 for adoption**
- 11 [RES 20-762](#) Approving an intergovernmental interchange agreement between the City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 20-680](#) Approving adverse action against the Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less license held by Pimento Incorporated, d/b/a Pimento Jamaican Kitchen (License ID #20180004365) at 928 7th Street West.
- Sponsors: Noecker
- Adopted**

- 14 [RES 20-678](#) Approving adverse action against the Malt On Sale (3.2) and Wine On Sale licenses held by Kyong Ye Firnstahl, d/b/a Sole Café (License ID #19980001653) at 684 Snelling Avenue.
- Sponsors: Jalali
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 20-699](#) Approving adverse action against the Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle and Tree Trimmer - Each Additional Vehicle licenses held by Maximum Tree Services & Landscaping (License ID #20180001101).
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 20-700](#) Approving adverse action against the Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle and Tree Trimmer licenses held by YTS Companies, LLC, d/b/a Yetzer's Tree Service (License ID# 20130003380). (To be withdrawn)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Withdrawn**
- 17 [RES 20-711](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, to add a Gambling Location license to the existing Liquor On Sale -100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, and Entertainment (A) licenses for Far East Inc, d/b/a Far East (License ID 20150003708) at 959 Arcade Street.
- Sponsors: Yang
- Adopted**
- 18 [RES 20-735](#) Approving adverse action against the Massage Center-B (Home Location) License held by Kong Xiong, d/b/a Kay's Massage (License ID #20130003212) at 917 Barclay Street. (To be withdrawn)
- Sponsors: Yang
- Withdrawn**
- 19 [RES 20-738](#) Approving adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco - Product Shop license application submitted by Narjis, LLC, d/b/a East Side Tobacco (License ID #20190003544) at 1340 Payne Avenue. (To be withdrawn)
- Sponsors: Yang
- Withdrawn**

- 20 [RES 20-679](#) Approving adverse action against the Liquor On Sale - 100 seats or less license held by Manana Restaurant 2 LLC, d/b/a Manana Restaurant (License ID #20180001385) at 798 7th Street East. (To be withdrawn)

Sponsors: Prince

Withdrawn

FOR DISCUSSION

- 12 [RES 20-739](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with MnDOT regarding the reconstruction and future turnback to the City of Robert Street between Interstate 94 and the Mississippi River.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21 [SR 20-45](#) Staff report from the Administration.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Received and filed

SUSPENSION ITEM

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

- [RES 20-788](#) Supporting religious minorities persecuted globally and establishing a process for City Council action in response to requests for advocacy in support of persecuted minorities.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

FOR DISCUSSION

- 22 [RES 20-712](#) Reaffirming Saint Paul as a welcoming city, expressing solidarity with Saint Paul's South Asian community regardless of religion and caste by rejecting the Bharatiya Janata Party's Islamophobic ideology, and opposing India's National Registry of Citizens and Citizenship Amendment Act.

Sponsors: Prince, Thao and Yang

Adopted as amended

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Abstain: 2 - Councilmember Brendmoen and Councilmember Tolbert

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

- 23 [Ord 20-20](#) Granting the application of Pacific Ramp LLC to rezone property at 1015 Bandana Boulevard West from B3 General Business to T3 Traditional Neighborhood, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.

Sponsors: Jalali

Laid over to June 3 for second reading

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

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 City Council public hearing to July 15, 2020 and re-notice the pending assessments.

- 32 [RLH TA 20-243](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2085 LACROSSE AVENUE. (File No. J2008E, Assessment No. 208307)

Sponsors: Yang

Public hearing continued to July 15

- 33 [RLH TA 20-228](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 885 MARGARET STREET. (File No. VB2008, Assessment No. 208807)

 Sponsors: Prince

 Public hearing continued to July 15
- 39 [RLH TA 20-272](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1032 SIXTH STREET EAST. (File No. VB2008, Assessment No. 208807)

 Sponsors: Prince

 Public hearing continued to July 15
- 43 [RLH TA 20-231](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 678 SNELLING AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2008E, Assessment No. 208307)

 Sponsors: Jalali

 Public hearing continued to July 15
- 48 [RLH AR 20-60](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration Fees billed during February 5 to November 22, 2019. (File No. VB2008, Assessment No. 208807)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Public hearing continued to July 15
- 50 [RLH AR 20-62](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy Fees billed during October 14 to November 20, 2019. (File No. CRT2008, Assessment No. 208207)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Public hearing continued to July 15
- 51 [RLH AR 20-63](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during October 22 to November 21, 2019. (File No. J2008E, Assessment No. 208307)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Public hearing continued to July 15

For the following items, the Administration has requested that all nuisance abatement assessments be considered by the City Council in 2021. Therefore, the motion for the following items is to continue the City Council public hearing to February 3, 2021 and re-notice the pending assessments.

- 27 [RLH TA 20-223](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 55 FIFTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)

 Sponsors: Noecker

 Public hearing continued to February 3, 2021
- 34 [RLH TA 20-230](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 888 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)

 Sponsors: Yang

 Public hearing continued to February 3, 2021
- 41 [RLH AR 20-65](#) Ratifying the assessments for Tree Removal service during January 2019 at 1425 6th Street East. (File No. 2005T, Assessment No. 209004)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Public hearing continued to February 3, 2021
- 42 [RLH TA 20-210](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 836-838 SMITH AVENUE. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)

 Sponsors: Noecker

 Public hearing continued to February 3, 2021
- 49 [RLH AR 20-61](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during December 2019. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Public hearing continued to February 3, 2021
- 52 [RLH AR 20-64](#) Ratifying the assessments for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during August to December 2019. (File No. J2003V, Assessment No. 208002)

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Public hearing continued to February 3, 2021

For the following cases, Legislative Hearing staff have contacted the property owners about continuing their public hearing. Therefore, the motion is to amend the resolution (reducing the assessment) and continue the City Council public hearing to June 3, 2020.

- 35 [RLH TA 19-829](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 559 MCKNIGHT ROAD SOUTH. (File No. CG1903B1-1, Assessment No. 190168) (Amend to reduce)

Sponsors: Prince

Amended (assessment reduced); public hearing continued to June 3

- 36 [RLH TA 20-55](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 559 MCKNIGHT ROAD SOUTH. (File No. CG1904B1, Assessment No. 190148) (Amend to reduce)

Sponsors: Prince

Amended (assessment reduced); public hearing continued to June 3

Approval of the Consent Agenda

For the following cases, Legislative Hearing staff contacted these property owners and the recommendations are uncontested. Therefore, the motion is to adopt the items.

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

Nay: 0

- 25 [RLH TA 20-184](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 608 BEAUMONT STREET. (File No. VB2008, Assessment No. 208807)

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

- 29 [RLH VBR 20-29](#) Appeal of James L. Nichols to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 277 & 285 FILLMORE AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 30 [RLH CO 20-7](#) Amending Council File RLH CO 19-14, adopted October 23, 2019, to grant Dale Carlquist an additional extension for property at 1341 FOREST STREET.

 Sponsors: Yang

 Adopted
- 31 [RLH VO 20-15](#) Appeal of Ted Ries to a Re-inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies (which includes condemnation of a bedroom) at 1326 FOURTH STREET EAST.

 Sponsors: Prince

 Adopted
- 37 [RLH RR 19-32](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 718 ORANGE AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 19-5.

 Sponsors: Yang

 Adopted
- 44 [RLH VO 20-17](#) Amending Council File RLH VO 19-49, adopted April 1, 2020, to grant Carrie Nelson an additional extension for property at 291 STINSON STREET.

 Sponsors: Thao

 Adopted
- 45 [RLH FCO 20-33](#) Appeal of Mark Younghans to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 147 SYCAMORE STREET EAST.

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Adopted
- 46 [RLH TA 20-313](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 19-83 to delete the assessment for Property Clean Up services during April 12 to 29, 2019 at 697 VIRGINIA STREET. (File No. J1923A, Assessment No. 198556)

 Sponsors: Thao

 Adopted
- 47 [RLH VBR 20-30](#) Appeal of Shona Jackson to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 896 YORK AVENUE.

 Sponsors: Yang

 Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda

For the following cases, Legislative Hearing staff have contacted these property owners alerting them to the 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

- 24** [RLH TA 19-888](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1742 ARLINGTON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2005A, Assessment No. 208504) (Public hearing continued from January 22)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Adopted as amended (assessment reduced and payable over 2 years)**
- 26** [RLH TA 19-890](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 757 DAYTON AVENUE. (File No. J2006A, Assessment No. 208505) (Public hearing continued from January 22)
- Sponsors:** Thao
- Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**
- 28** [RLH TA 19-877](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 721 FIFTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2006A, Assessment No. 208505) (Public hearing continued from January 22)
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**
- 38** [RLH TA 19-895](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1701-1703 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J2006A, Assessment No. 208505) (Amend to delete)
- Sponsors:** Tolbert
- Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**
- 40** [RLH TA 19-871](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1311 SIXTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2005A, Assessment No. 208504) (Public hearing continued from January 22)
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Adopted as amended (assessment reduced and payable over 2 years)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 53** [RES PH 20-125](#) Granting municipal consent to the Minnesota Department of Transportation's for the conversion of Robert Street to a 3-lane facility from 500 feet south of Plato Boulevard to Congress Street.
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- 54** [RES PH 20-123](#) Approving the petition of Brian Farrell on behalf of Bonfe Properties, LLP to vacate a portion of the alley in Block 2, Samuel Leech's Addition.
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- 55** [RES PH 20-87](#) Approving the petition of VeitUSA on behalf of RAVE PROP, LLC (aka Victory and Vision Properties, LLC) to vacate a portion of Syndicate Street North, north of Pierce Butler Route and south of the Burlington Northern Railway property.
- Sponsors:** Jalali
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned

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