



City of Saint Paul

City Hall and Court House
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Council Chambers - 3rd
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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, September 9, 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

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 20-54](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1629 Hartford Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Received and Filed

- 2 [CO 20-55](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 20-23.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

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

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 20-1220](#) Appointing Nilan Johnson Lewis P.A. a special counsel for the purpose of providing advice and counsel on personnel matters.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 4 [Min 20-15](#) Approving the minutes of the June, July, and August 2020 City Council meetings.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 5 [RES 20-1249](#) Affirming the extension of Declaration of Local Emergency issued September 8, 2020 by Mayor Melvin Carter III.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 7 [RES 20-1105](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of the 2021 - 2022 health insurance contribution rates and VEBA contribution rates. (To be laid over for adoption)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Laid over to September 23

- 8 [RES 20-1215](#) Approving adverse action against the Taxicab Driver license held by Michael David Gibbons (License ID #19980002318).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 6 [RES 20-1230](#) Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to transfer \$3,546,442 of the Coronavirus Relief Fund aid to specific accounts for the guaranteed income pilot program and the Bridge Fund program.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Laid over to September 16

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Jalali

- 9 [RES 20-1194](#) Approving the 2020 Cultural Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) General Operating Fund Grant Program Guidelines.

Sponsors: Brendmoen and Noecker

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.

Final Adoption

- 10 [Ord 20-28](#) Amending Legislative Code Chapters 60, 63, and 66 pertaining to the RM zoning districts.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Prince

Second Reading

- 11 [Ord 20-30](#) Amending Chapter 66 of the Legislative Code pertaining to residential standards in planning districts 14 and 15.

Sponsors: Tolbert

Laid over to September 16 for Third Reading/Public Hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 12** [RES PH 20-188](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$250,000 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education to pay for training and equipment for the Minnesota Aviation Rescue Team and helicopter training with the Minnesota State Patrol.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 13** [RES PH 20-189](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$100,000 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education and the Fire Service Advisory Committee to pay for training and equipment for the Minnesota Aviation Rescue Team.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 14** [RES PH 20-183](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a grant agreement with the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Programs, and amending the 2020 budget and activity budget.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 15** [RES PH 20-184](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a grant agreement with Ramsey County, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, on behalf of Workforce Solutions for the Coronavirus Emergency (WFS-CARES-093) grant agreement.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 16 [RES PH 20-182](#) Approving the application of Tom Schroeder, Waldmann, for a sound level variance for amplified music at 445 Smith Avenue North, September 18-20 and September 25-27, 2020 during the Waldmann Oktoberfest.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 17 [Ord 20-31](#) Creating Chapter 142 of the Legislative Code (Title XII) pertaining to a Special Service District in Downtown. (Public hearing to be continued to September 16.)

Sponsors: Noecker

Public Hearing held and continued to September 16

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

For the following cases, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendations were received and, therefore, she recommends adoption.

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RLH RR 20-27](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 1064 BUSH AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the September 9, 2020 City Council public hearing.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

- 20 [RLH FCO 20-118](#) Appeal of Jannrit Chranh to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 725 CLARK STREET.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 21 [RLH FCO 20-121](#) Amending Council File RLH FCO 20-61, adopted July 22, 2020, to grant Phil and Keia Isaacson, PBK Properties, LLC, an additional extension for property at 47-49 COOK AVENUE WEST.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 25 [RLH TA 20-545](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 20-108 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2020 at 1827 HYACINTH AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2002C1, Assessment No. 200128)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 26 [RLH FCO 20-114](#) Appeal of Stephanie Reis, Olson Property Investments, to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 1133 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 27 [RLH CO 20-12](#) Appeal of Alan Hausladen to a Correction Notice at 103 MAGNOLIA AVENUE WEST.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 28 [RLH SAO 20-19](#) Appeal of Kartumu King to a Summary Abatement Order at 1281 MARGARET STREET.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

- 29 [RLH VO 20-33](#) Appeal of Ruby Nguyen to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 777 SIXTH STREET EAST.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

- 31 [RLH AR 20-114](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City’s cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2020. (File No. CG2002E1, Assessment No. 200136)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

Approval of the Consent Agenda

For the following cases, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer’s amended recommendations were received and, therefore, she recommends amendment and adoption of the items.

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RLH TA 20-138](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 994 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J2004E1, Assessment No. 208311) (Public hearing continued from March 18)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 22 [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. (Amend to grant 180 days)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted as amended (180 days to remove or repair)

- 24 [RLH TA 20-148](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1322 GRAND AVENUE. (File No. J2007E, Assessment No. 208306) (Public hearing continued from April 8)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)

- 30 [RLH RR 20-19](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 985 WOODBRIDGE STREET in Council File RLH RR 19-34.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended (180 days to remove or repair)

For the following case, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends continuing the Public Hearing to September 23, 2020.

- 23** [RLH RR 20-16](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 530 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST in Council File RLH RR 20-5.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Public Hearing continued to September 23

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

In-person meetings, or meetings conducted under Minn. Stat. § 13D.02 of the City Council, are not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 health pandemic emergency declared under Minn. Stat. Chapter 12 by the Minnesota Governor Tim Walz and Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter. In light of the COVID-19 health pandemic, members of the City Council will participate in City Council meetings by telephone or other electronic means.

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

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