



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final - Final

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 23, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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

ROLL CALL

5 present - Councilmembers Prince, Thao, Tolbert, Noecker, Brendmoen

2 absent - Yang (excused), Jalali (arrived after roll call)

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao,
Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker,
Councilmember Jane L. Prince and Councilmember Mitra Jalali

Absent 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 20-63](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1976 Fairmount Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Sponsors: Jalali

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 20-39](#) Amending the CDBG project budget.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Jalali to Approve the Consent Agenda
The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 3 [RES 20-1228](#) Amending the Samuel H. Morgan Regional Trail Master Plan aka 1999 East Mississippi River Bank Trail Corridor Master Plan.

Sponsors: Noecker

- 4 [RES 20-1272](#) Approving the appointments of Councilmembers Rebecca Noecker, Dai Thao, Jane Prince, and Nelsie Yang as members of the Audit Committee.

Sponsors: Brendmoen and Noecker

Adopted

- 5 [RES 20-1274](#) Approving the Labor Agreement between the Independent School District 625 and the Minnesota Teamsters Local 320 representing the Nutrition Services Personnel (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021). (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Laid over to October 7

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

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 7 [RES 20-1276](#) Authorizing the use of a Project Labor Agreement for a project to repair and restore the cornice along the east, south, and west sides of the George Latimer Central Library building.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 8 [RES 20-1277](#) Approving the loan modification to Neighborhood STAR funding for Rathskeller Renaissance, LLC.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 9 [RES 20-1280](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept the Saint Paul Police Federation's donation of a concession style trailer.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 10 [RES 20-1285](#) Approving transferring funds from one Commercial Vitality Zone (Como-Front-Dale) to another Commercial Vitality Zone (Rice Street at Larpenteur Avenue) as part of the annual sales tax revenue Pay-Go Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$229,125 and approving transferring excess sales tax of \$108,325 to the Commercial Vitality Zone (Rice Street at Larpenteur Avenue).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 13 [RES 20-1298](#) Approving a 2021 maximum property tax levy for the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 14 [RES 20-1304](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood Star Year-Round program for Upfront Styling Salon.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 11 [RES 20-1293](#) Honoring Butch Howard for his service on the Ramsey County Workforce Innovation Board.

Sponsors: Tolbert

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 12 [RES 20-1294](#) Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to transfer \$19,915,912 of the Coronavirus Relief Fund aid to specific accounts for COVID expenses.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

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

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

Sponsors: Tolbert

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

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

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

FOR DISCUSSION

- 17 [RES PH 20-198](#) Imposing a service charge in the Saint Paul Downtown Special Service District pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 428A.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 18 [RES PH 20-199](#) Approving the application of Mary Schrader for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music on Friday October 30 and Saturday, October 31, 2020 for the Schrader/Stillwell Wedding at 196 Page Street West.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 19 [RES PH 20-175](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget by transferring \$444,582 in revenues to the 2020 Randolph Bridge Project.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 20 [RES PH 20-181](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to add Saint Paul Sewer Utility, Saint Paul Regional Water Services, Ramsey County and assessment funding into various 2020 Public Works projects.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 21 [RES PH 20-180](#) Authorizing an increase in the Parks and Recreation Grant Fund Budget in the amount of \$116,100 to reflect the multi-year Conservation Partners Legacy Grant received from the State of Minnesota for the Phalen Oak Woodland Enhancement.

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 22 [RES PH 20-200](#) Denying the June 17, 2020 application submitted by Tom Dillon of Madison Equities for an exception to the general hours of operation for Pedestrian Skyway Bridge #43 which serves the Degree of Honor Building.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 23 [RES PH 20-203](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept and amend the 2020 Special Fund Budget for the sub-grant from the Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) through the State Service Commission, ServeMinnesota Law Enforcement Career Path Academy (LECPA).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 24 [RES PH 20-201](#) Approving a business subsidy, in the form of a forgivable loan from the Commercial Vitality Zone Program, to M.E.K. Properties Limited Partnership (MEK Properties) for the construction of a new parking lot at 1641-1675 Rice Street & 160-166 Larpenteur Avenue (District 6, Ward 5).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 25 [RLH VO 20-41](#) Amending Council Files RLH VO 20-31, adopted August 12, 2020, to grant Owner, Robert Radeke, an additional extension for property at 1157 and 1159 DAYTON AVENUE.

 Sponsors: Thao

 Adopted
- 26 [RLH VO 20-37](#) Appeal of Scott Beck to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1192 EARL STREET.

 Sponsors: Yang

 Adopted
- 28 [RLH RR 20-30](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 967 FREMONT AVENUE within five (5) days after the September 23, 2020, City Council Public Hearing.

 Sponsors: Prince

 Adopted
- 32 [RLH VBR 20-61](#) Appeal of John Mathern to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 1905 IGLEHART AVENUE.

 Sponsors: Jalali

 Adopted
- 33 [RLH VO 20-38](#) Appeal of Davina Harper to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 403 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

 Sponsors: Brendmoen

 Adopted
- 35 [RLH VBR 20-58](#) Appeal of Dr. Hassan Mohamud to a Vacant Building Registration Fee at 489 SHERBURNE AVENUE.

 Sponsors: Thao

 Adopted
- 36 [RLH SAO 20-20](#) Appeal of Michael Jimenez to a Summary Abatement Order at 1351 THIRD STREET EAST.

 Sponsors: Prince

 Adopted

- 37 [RLH VBR 20-60](#) Appeal of Mark E. Czuchry, Czuchry Law Firm, representing Xuan Mai Ta to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 820 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

For the following item, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendation was received and, therefore, she recommends amendment and adoption of the item.

- 30 [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

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends continuing the public hearing to October 14, 2020.

- 31 [RLH TA 20-525](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 171 GRANITE STREET. (File No. VB2012, Assessment No. 208814) (Public Hearing continued to October 14, 2020)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Continue public hearing to October 14

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends referring the matter to the date listed.

- 29 [RLH RR 20-31](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1033 GALTIER STREET within fifteen (15) days after the September 23, 2020, City Council Public Hearing. (To refer back to October 13, 2020 Legislative Hearing and Public Hearing continued to November 4, 2020)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Referred to October 13 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 34 [RLH VBR 20-50](#) Appeal of Robert Clapp, on behalf of 700 Minnehaha LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Fee at 700 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on October 6, 2020)

Sponsors: Prince

Referred to October 6 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation was contested and live testimony was requested by the property owner. A staff report was provided, followed by testimony from Susan Drake, co-owner of the property with Yost Yost.

- 27 [RLH RR 20-29](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 920 FREMONT AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the September 23, 2020, City Council Public Hearing. (Amended to 30 days)

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted as amended (razing or removal by October 23, 2020)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

ADJOURNMENT

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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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