



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, November 4, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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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 20-73](#) Mayor's Executive Order 20-31.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Received and Filed

- 2 [CO 20-74](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1004 Thomas Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Sponsors: Thao

Received and Filed

- 3 [AO 20-50](#) Designating Kristin Guild, Deputy Director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development, as an authorized signer for grant agreements in the name of the City of Saint Paul for the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Received and Filed

- 4 [AO 20-51](#) Amending CDBG project budget with additional funding for 1049 Payne.

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

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

Nay: 0

- 5 [RES 20-1460](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during February 14 to July 20, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 1, 2020 and City Council public hearing for February 10, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2103, Assessment No. 218802)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 6 [RES 20-1461](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during August 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 1, 2020 and City Council public hearing for February 10, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2103B, Assessment No. 218102)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 7 [RES 20-1462](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during June 15 to July 14, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 1, 2020 and City Council public hearing for February 10, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2103, Assessment No. 218202)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 8 [RES 20-1463](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during June 22 to July 22, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 1, 2020 and City Council public hearing for February 10, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2103E, Assessment No. 218302)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 20-1464](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during August 6 to 10, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 1, 2020 and City Council public hearing for February 10, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2103P, Assessment No. 218402)
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 10 [RES 20-1475](#) Authorizing an amendment to Magnolia Blossom's license agreement to allow for a one-year term extension and a partial reallocation of the 2020 License Fee payment to the City.
- Sponsors: Tolbert
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 20-1486](#) Providing for the issuance of and accepting a proposal on the sale of a General Obligation Variable Rate Street Reconstruction Bond, Series 2020F and taking other required actions with respect thereto.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 20-1496](#) Approving the donation of Paddle Share station back to the Mississippi Park Connection for re-use among other partner organizations.
- Sponsors: Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 20-1514](#) Approving the 1st addition Highland Bridge Rowhome Final Plat.
- Sponsors: Tolbert
- Adopted**

- 14 [RES 20-1525](#) Electing to participate in the Local Housing Incentives Account Program under the Metropolitan Livable Communities Act calendar years 2021 through 2030.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 15 [RES 20-1540](#) Correcting RES 17-248 Approving the Mayor's appointment of Raymond Hess to serve on the Capital Improvement Budget Committee with the correct term expiration date of November 15, 2020.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 16 [RES 20-1549](#) Authorizing proper City officials to accept a stipend of \$1,500.00 from Welcoming America.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 17 [RES 20-1459](#) Approving the Maintenance Labor Agreements between the Independent School District 625 and the United Association of Steamfitters, Pipefitters, and Service Technicians; Local Union No. 455, United Association of Plumbers, Local Union No. 34; and the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 10 (May 1, 2020 - April 30, 2021). (Laid over from October 28).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 19 [RES 20-1537](#) Recognizing Veterans Day, November 11, 2020.

Sponsors: Prince, Thao, Tolbert and Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES 20-1482](#) Honoring the recipients of the 2020 Saint Paul Business Awards.

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

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20** [RES 20-1437](#) Approving adverse action against the Massage Practitioner application submitted by Kao Vang (License ID #20190001182) for the premises located at 2140 Ford Parkway. (Laid over from October 21.)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Laid over to November 18

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

- 21** [Ord 20-29](#) Amending Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the distance restriction between liquor license locations, to reduce the location radius for off-sale wine only license locations.

Sponsors: Prince and Thao

Laid over to November 18 for second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 22** [Ord 20-32](#) Amending section 220.05 of the Legislative Code, to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective January 1, 2021 and changing the rate calculation from a rate that includes taxes to a rate that excludes taxes.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Public hearing closed; Laid over to November 18 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 23** [Ord 20-33](#) Creating the classification titled Deputy Director of Human Resources in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the City Charter.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Public hearing closed; Laid over to November 18 for final adoption**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 24** [AHPC 20-2](#) Public hearing to consider the appeal of William Garman (“Gar”) Hargens and Mary (“Missy”) Staples Thompson to the Heritage Preservation Commission decision of 540 Portland Avenue in the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District. (Public hearing to be continued to November 18.)
- Sponsors:** Thao
- Public hearing continued to November 18**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 25** [RES PH 20-214](#) Ratifying the assessments for benefits, costs, and expenses for the Arcade/Case and the Grand/Snelling parking lots operation and maintenance costs for 2021. (File No. 18744-20 and 18746-20, Assessment No. 207201 and 207202)
- Sponsors:** Tolbert
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 26** [RES PH 20-215](#) Ratifying the assessment for benefits, costs and expenses for the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance costs for 2019. (File No. 18428-20, Assessment No. 207200)
- Sponsors:** Noecker
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

27 [RES PH 20-225](#) Establishing the Water Charges for 2021.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Public hearing closed; Laid Over to December 9

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

Nay: 0

28 [RES PH 20-252](#) Setting the 2021 Sanitary Sewer and Storm Sewer rates.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Public hearing closed; Laid over to December 9

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

Nay: 0

29 [RES PH 20-231](#) Approving the petition of Beatriz Cruz to vacate a portion of Riverview Avenue abutting Blocks 8 and 9 in the West St. Paul Real Estate and Improvement Syndicate Addition. No. 1.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

30 [RES PH 20-234](#) Approving Trunk Highway Routine Maintenance Agreement Number 1044960 between the City of Saint Paul and the State of Minnesota, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

31 [RES PH 20-236](#)

Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present announcements and music on Saturday, November 7, 2020 for the Chocoholic Frolic 5K/10K and Kids Run and Walk at Harriet Island.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

32 [RES PH 20-248](#)

Approving and authorizing the establishment of the Snelling Midway Renewal and Renovation Tax Increment Financing District (a Renewal and Renovation district) in the Saint Paul Neighborhood Redevelopment Project area and adopting a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor (District 13, Ward 1).

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

33 [RES PH 20-250](#)

Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to transfer \$4,705,676 of Coronavirus Relief Fund aid between specific project accounts and adjust Police and Fire budgets to reflect CRF aid usage for public safety employee payrolls.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEM**Rules suspended**

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

Nay: 0

[RLH VO 20-51](#)

Granting an additional stay of enforcement of Council File RLH VO 20-47, a decision on an appeal of a Fire Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection, including condemnation, at 1544 BEECH STREET.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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.

The Legislative Hearing Officer recommends adoption of the following resolutions, as no objections to these recommendations were received:

34 [RLH VBR 20-67](#)

Appeal of Somdy Kong to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 686 EDMUND AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

36 [RLH SAO 20-44](#)

Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 400 HATCH AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 20-15.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 37 [RLH SAO 20-41](#) Appeal of Lisa Okoi to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 598 LAFOND AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 39 [RLH VO 20-48](#) Appeal of Shai Leibovich to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1017 REANEY AVENUE.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 42 [RLH TA 20-649](#) Amending the previously ratified assessment to reduce the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during July to September 2019 at 693 BUTTERNUT AVENUE. (File No. CG1904B2, Assessment No. 190149)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 43 [RLH TA 20-650](#) Amending the previously ratified assessment to reduce the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2019 at 693 BUTTERNUT AVENUE. (File No. CG2001B2, Assessment No. 200105)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 44 [RLH TA 20-651](#) Amending the previously ratified assessment to reduce the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2020 at 693 BUTTERNUT AVENUE. (File No. CG2002B1, Assessment No. 200124)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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

- 41 [RLH RR 20-39](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 2022 STILLWATER AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 20-15.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted as amended (grant to January 2, 2021 to complete rehabilitation or removal of the property)

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

Nay: 0

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the public hearing to November 18, 2020:

- 35 [RLH SAO 20-24](#) Appeal of Eric Olsen, Park Crossing, Inc., to a Summary Abatement Order at 2233 ENERGY PARK DRIVE.

Sponsors: Jalali

Public hearing continued to November 18

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

Nay: 0

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the public hearing to January 12, 2021:

- 40** [RLH VO 20-46](#) Appeal of Pamela A. Herzberg to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1547 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on January 12, 2021)

Sponsors: Jalali

Laid over to January 12 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

For the following item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is contested and additional testimony from the appellant is in the record:

- 38** [RLH RR 19-30](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1904 PRINCETON AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 18, 2019 City Council public hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Public hearing continued to November 18

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 4:47 p.m.

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