



City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - 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, December 16, 2020

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

**There will not be a City Council meeting on December 23 and 30.
See the meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.**

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 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 [AO 20-62](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its 2020 Special Fund operating budget to more accurately record expenditures.

 Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 20-64](#) Amending the 2020 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Street Lighting Maintenance accounting unit.

 Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 20-65](#) Amending the 2020 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Special Fund Sweeping accounting unit.

 Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 20-66](#) Amending the 2020 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Special Fund Brushing and Seal Coating accounting unit.

 Received and Filed
- 5 [AO 20-67](#) Amending the 2020 spending budget in the Department of Public Works

General Funds ROW Mgmt., Summer and Winter accounting units.

Received and Filed

- 6 [AO 20-68](#) Amend CDBG project budget: funding for 786 University Avenue.

Received and Filed

- 7 [CO 20-84](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 521 York Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Received and Filed

- 8 [CO 20-92](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 20-39, 20-40 and 20-41.

Received and Filed

- 9 [CO 20-93](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1816 Minnehaha Avenue East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

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

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Consent Agenda is approved

A motion was made by Councilmember Thao to Approve the Consent Agenda

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

- 10 [RES 20-1746](#) Approving the polling locations for the 2021 elections.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 20-1679](#) Approving the Joint Memorandum of Agreement Extension between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME District Council 5 (Locals 1842, 2508, 3757),

Classified Confidential Employees Association (CCEA), Fire Fighters Local 21, Fire Supervisory Association (FSA) Local 3939, Machinists, Manual & Maintenance Supervisors Association, Operating Engineers Local 70, Police Federation, Professional Employees Association (PEA), Saint Paul Supervisory Association (SPSO), Tri-Council (Local 49, 120 and 363), Trades: Bricklayers, Carpenters, Cement Masons, Electrical Workers, Elevator Constructors, Painters, Pipefitters, Plumbers, Sprinkler-Fitters and Sheet Metal Workers for the purpose of access for employees who are unable to work a portion of, or all their regularly scheduled hours due to the COVID 19 pandemic, up to eighty (80) hours of Emergency Pandemic Leave (EPL).

Laid over to January 6

- 12 [RES 20-1716](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for \$15,000 in grant funds from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council to support the Healing The Soul Arts Project at Hancock and Rice Recreation Centers.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 20-1717](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Apple for use of their Business Manager and Volume Purchase Programs.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 20-1722](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of two 2009 Ford F-350 15 passenger vans from the State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Federal Excess Property Program.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 20-1729](#) Memorializing the Council's decision to grant an appeal by Told Development Co. from a decision of the planning commission which had denied Told's request for a floor area variance to construct a new commercial building at 1212 Prosperity Avenue.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 20-1734](#) Approving a petition from Travis Temke for specially assessing the costs of a fire protection system at 754 Randolph Avenue. (Project No. FP2021-02, Assessment No. 217101)

Adopted

- 17 [RES 20-1736](#) Approving a petition from Minnesota Transportation Museum for specially assessing the costs of a fire protection system at 193 Pennsylvania Avenue East, covering Bay A of the building. (Project No. FP2021-01, Assessment No. 217100)

Adopted

- 18 [RES 20-1739](#) Authorizing the City to execute a third amendment to a conservation easement held by the State of Minnesota within the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in order to perform geo-technical investigations to determine the feasibility of constructing a proposed Wakan Tipi Center within the sanctuary property.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 20-1747](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for, and if awarded, accept \$2,500 in grant funds from the JCI Saint Paul Chapter to support the 2021 Parks and Recreation Amazing Race at the McDonough Recreation Center.

Adopted

- 20 [RES 20-1749](#) Memorializing the Council's decision to grant an appeal by Suebue LLC from a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals which had denied SueBue LLC's request for rear-yard setback and lot coverage variances in order to construct a new single-family home at 1493 Highland Parkway.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 20-1669](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Clerical Local 2508 for the purpose of determining night shift differential rate of pay for those employees allowed to work during evening hours for their own convenience. (To be laid over one week for adoption)

Adopted

- 22 [RES 20-1634](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during September 30 to October 14, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 19, 2021 and City Council public hearing for March 3, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2109A, Assessment No. 218508)

Adopted

- 23 [RES 20-1635](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during October 14 to 29, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 19, 2021 and City Council public hearing for March 3, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2110A, Assessment No. 218509)

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 24 [SR 20-153](#) Year end staff report from the Administration.

Council President Brendmoen said John McCarthy will speak. Deputy Mayor has

joined today.

John McCarthy, OFS (Office of Financial Services), said there is a team of presenters today. The CARES Act includes several buckets of funding. Additional federal help will be coming soon. Of the almost \$45 Million, about 2/3 have been spent. This list does not include the smaller grants, departments, Ramsey County money. When talking about CARES, we talk about line items and budget items. We want to focus more on the actual work. There are great stories across the City on how City staff and partners respond quickly. The investments fall into 5 key categories.

Laura Logsdon said the City spent \$1.3 Million for a variety of services. This made it become a day space. The City spent \$445,000 for food insecurity, a cold meal, and hot meal at the encampments. People Prosperity Program provided assistance to 400 families. City provided funding for venues. Next area of investment is education support. There is a grant to Tool Library to build desks for distance learning. Internet access, digital divide. City spent \$17.9 Million for a broad range of City services: City changed the way it operates, includes the way we do ambulance runs, public safety needs, reassigning staff to new pandemic needs, support of bridge funds, distribution of supplies. This category of investments also include HVAC improvements. This is about 120 facilities. This area covers costs of leave and COVID.

Kristin Guild, PED, spoke on the HUD grants. The Council took action last week. Both have a longer time horizon for use around the grants. There is potential to extend to 2021 and 2022. They do have some important CARES Act flexibilities. They must serve low and moderate income. They must address COVID 19 impacts. They are not restricted to cap uses. They will be allocated by Ramsey County. These dollars are still HUD program dollars. HUD requires us to amend the plan before we access any of the funds. We got started identifying uses for the CDBG dollars this summer. Proposals were allocated in tandem. Been working with departments to refine proposals.

Councilmember Noecker asked about the joint powers agreement and asked how do we participate in that. Guild responded we do have a seat at the table. Ricardo Cervantes (Department of Safety and Inspections) is deeply involved with the unsheltered work. They are working with Ramsey County and review proposals of the allocations of dollars.

Councilmember Noecker said we own Freedom House. What is the \$1.2 Million for? Guild responded McCarthy may have details on this piece. We plan to sell that property to the nonprofit that will be operating that shelter. We will use the CDBG dollars to fund that sell.

Noecker said we are paying them to own it? McCarthy said this is a preliminary plan in place for a long-term plan for the goal of having the long-term acquisition of Freedom House. If they want to purchase it long term, they would need additional capital. That would be a grant from the City.

Guild said we had been budgeting to sell that property. We wanted to find a way to use the CARES dollars.

Council President Brendmoen said the \$1.6 Million is going out the door to another party? McCarthy responded the transaction would go out the door to a party to purchase this property to us. The grant says they operate it for a number of years. It helps that we sell the property.

Councilmember Prince said she is concerned about the way it is being described. We are giving money to an outside entity to purchase our property. Are we agreeing to that expenditure? Or will we see it in another form to take the time to understand it better?

Guild said we had shared that we had some recommendations that we would bring to the Council some other time. The only further Council action can be an admin order. That is not what we would propose in this case. The Council President was planning to have some conversation about what process we should following.

Brendmoen said we did discuss this in the policy session in the early part of next year. She shares the line of questioning and the number.

Councilmember Thao said having a day shelter is important and acknowledged the partnership between the City and Ramsey County. What is the opportunity loss? Where are we taking that money from? Who is on cue to use that money?

Councilmember Yang said she wanted to uplift the importance of shelters that are able to stay open 24/7.

Guild went to the next slide about food support and business support. The businesses need to be CDBG eligible. Proposing to continue City services in education support and distance learning. \$1.71 Million for a variety of library and park services.

Guild said the next slides are for case studies.

Noecker said she is struck by so few businesses. Guild responded they are in the context of other business support. We have put a lot of resources. Balancing funding sources, the flexible dollars go further.

Noecker said we don't have all funding sources to be all things to all users. Just for 5 to 15 businesses. If it's not the best use of dollars to have businesses supported in another way. There are some targeted uses. Some are warranted to use the dollars.

Cherisse Turner, Mayor's Office, Community Resource Team, said that they received equitable access during the COVID crisis. Language support in languages.

Brendmoen said there was a lot of work putting into translating this team. Going forward?

Barb Sworline spoke about service counter barriers, contact list curbside materials pickup. CARES money enabled them to be assigned to the language resource line.

Received and Filed

25 [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 closed on November 18)

Withdrawn

26 [ABZA 20-7](#)

Public hearing to consider the appeal of William Garman Hargens and Mary Staples Thompson to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA)

approving six variances (for primary entrance location, number of off-street parking spaces provided, lot coverage, lot size, lot width, and rear yard setback) for a second triplex to be constructed on a lot that has an existing triplex at 542 Portland Avenue. (Public hearing closed on November 18)

(There are 3 discussions on this item.)

First discussion:

Councilmember Thao moved to deny the appeal. This leaves room for the property owners to engage the owners and to submit a different plan that would meet the requirement of the HPC (Historic Preservation Commission). The BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) has no effect on the redesign. We just talked about different types of housing and sheltering. This is also about sheltering. There is a housing shortage. The City continues to grow in Saint Paul. As responsible leaders, it makes sense and it's important to continue to allow density. That's also another reason to deny the appeal.

Noecker said she received an item late. They were raising some concerns about the HPC reversing their decision. That is in Legistar.

6 in favor, 1 opposed (Prince)

Motion of Intent is that the appeal is denied.

Second Discussion:

Councilmember Thao said he would like to recall Item 26. He meant to grant the appeal.

Peter Warner, City Attorney's Office, said he should move to reconsider. Someone who voted on the affirmative side can make that motion.

Thao moved to reconsider.

7 in favor, none opposed

Item 26 is recalled or reconsidered.

Thao apologized. He was excited and misspoke. He meant to grant the appeal.

Councilmember Noecker said our comment seemed to be in line with denying the appeal.

Thao said in his mind he thought the appeal was done by the same party, but the BZA was the appeal of the developer to allow the variance.

Brendmoen said could this be explained. The intent is to know what we are voting on.

Warner said if the motion is to grant the appeal, the result would be to favor the appeal by the neighbors and overturn the decision of the BZA in this matter. Thao responded he had it correct the first time.

Warner said that Thao moved to deny the appeal by the neighbors. By doing that, he would be upholding the appeal of the BZA. If the motion today is to grant the appeal, the appeal is by the neighbors. If he wishes to grant the neighbors appeal, he will undue the decision by the BZA.

Thao said he wanted to deny the appeal and uphold the BZA finding. Warner responded the location of this property is in a Heritage Preservation District. Under the requirements of the HPC, the applicants have to have their building plans approved by the HPC. Provided that the applicant comes back with the same plans, as long as the plans are exactly the same, by denying the appeal, the variance would continue until such time the applicant gets the building permits approved by the HPC. The approving of variances are good for 2 years. The owner has to begin construction or they disappear by operation of law because there is no construction.

Councilmember Jalali said the vote we already took, the project can proceed, the variances are upheld. Warner responded the project cannot proceed until the applicant's building plans are approved by the HPC. He would have to come back with another set of plans.

Jalali said that is separate from this item.

Warner said they have already taken a vote to deny the appeal. The variance were still in place. Perhaps the Council withdraw the motion to reconsider and leave the vote to stand.

Councilmember Tolbert said is the clock up today for us to roll on this? When does the time run out? Yaya Diatti, Department of Safety and Inspections, responded the clocks runs out the 31st of December. The decision has to be made before that date.

Councilmember Tolbert says we have one more suspension item. Maybe we could call the suspension item and staff report and we could make sure we are voting the way we should vote.

Brendmoen said we should table this at the moment and give the attorneys and sponsor to clarify the thinking here. She is absolutely confused. She would like to see it move forward, but she is befuddled. Let's table this for now.

Third Discussion:

Councilmember Thao moved to withdraw his reconsideration of Item 26. (The original vote stands.)

Motion of intent - appeal denied

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Prince

27 [RES 20-1664](#)

Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for grant funds of \$5,000 from the Walmart Local Community grant fund to support the McDonough Girls and Women in Sports Project. (Laid over from December 9.)

Council President Brendmoen said this program is spectacular. She moved approval.

Shari Moore (City Clerk) said there is an amendment, Version 2.

Brendmoen moved the amendment.

*7 in favor, none opposed
Resolution is adopted as amended*

Adopted as amended

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

- 28** [Ord 20-29](#) Amending Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the distance restriction between liquor license locations and to reduce the location radius for off-sale wine only license locations.
- Councilmember Prince would like to layover to January 27.
7 in favor, none opposed
Laid over to January 27*
- Laid over to January 27**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 29** [Ord 20-35](#) Granting the application of Keith Schroeder to rezone the property at 981 Fuller Avenue from R4 Single Family Residential to T2 traditional neighborhood, and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.
- Councilmember Thao said he is going to deny the application to rezone. He has been trying to work with the neighbors in this area. He will lay this over to have more discussion to bring some of the folks together to see what is the right decision to go forward. He moved a layover to January 6.
7 in favor, none opposed
Laid over to January 6, 2021*
- Laid over to January 6**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS**Rules suspended on the next two items.**

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

Nay: 0

[RES 20-1763](#)

Approving the Mayor's appointments of Thomas Aasheim, Robert Blake Chris Duffy, Yolanda McIntosh, and Trish Stevens to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES 20-1773](#)

Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to enter into a vehicle lease agreement with National Cooperative Leasing for the carshare service component of the Twin Cities Electric Vehicle Mobility Network.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Councilmember Noecker said we will receive a refund or owe a balance. What is the amount the City would be responsible for paying in the end?

Russ Stark, Mayor' Office, said the residual on the lease is 20% of the up front value of the vehicles. (He gave details no the resolution.)

7 in favor, none opposed

Resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS**30 [Ord 20-37](#)**

Creating Chapter 194 of the Legislative Code entitled Smoking Policy Disclosure to require the completion of a smoking sale disclosure report for sale of units within a common interest community.

Councilmember Noecker summarized why we got to this point. This came from the residence of Gallery Tower, Downtown. Board was elected to do no smoking. A new board came in and the policy was reversed. It would be attached to the TISH (Truth-In-Sale-of-Housing) Report.

Council President Brendmoen said we held a public hearing online and over the phone.

Noecker moved to close the public hearing.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the ordinance is laid over to January 6 for final adoption

Public hearing closed; laid over to January 6 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 31** [RES PH 20-247](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital and Operating Budgets for the 2020 Bikeway Improvements Program.

Council President Brendmoen said we held a public hearing online and over the phone.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 32** [RES PH 20-286](#) Amending the 2020 Financing and Spending Budget for Public Works, Sewer Utility Fund and the Grant Fund related to the 2018 MCES Inflow and Infiltration Demonstration Project Grant.

Council President Brendmoen said we held a public hearing online and transcribed over the phone.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

33 [RES PH 20-274](#) Amending the spending and financing plans for various city departments.

Council President Brendmoen said there was a staff report this morning.

Councilmember Jalali said we received a staff report on it this morning. She recognizes this is an end of year budget resolution. She is concerned about one of the items. Request in SPPD (Saint Paul Police Department) for protective helmets. This is a 2020 expense. It is a significant request in size. This is an equipment request in next year. It should have been part of the 2021 budget. She also has come to understand that it is from a funding stream. She doesn't feel it is appropriate. Bring a verbal amendment to delete to the helmets. This would allow us more time to review it in the future. They can find these funds.

Council President Brendmoen said we can have a discussion around this. The information was available in Legistar since last Wednesday. We did not just get it this morning.

Councilmember Yang said she supports the amendment by Jalali. It was really shocking for her. There was a lot that just happened and input from the community. People have raised so many questions and been clear about their desire for community first initiative.

Councilmember Noecker said she appreciates the intent of the amendment. She thought there was a need for this protective equipment. We need to invest in new equipment one way or another. We found leftover dollars that could not be put on different things. If we don't spend these dollars, where do they go?

McCarthy said if this money is not spent, it will fall to general fund, emergency reserve fund. The proposed budget does not include emergency reserve. It was to protect the reserves from next year. At the very end of the year, it is hard to spend money on anything. This is a good use of these funds. They are one-time funds for the end of the year.

Councilmember Tolbert said all of this equipment is helpful to keep the officers safe. It is a good investment for public safety.

Councilmember Thao said we need the proper equipment for firefighters. I get the spirit that we need to change. We are not talking about weaponized vehicles. This is to protect them. If you are playing in the NFL, you have to have helmets. Everyone has the right to exercise their first amendments, and the officers need to have equipment to feel safe.

Councilmember Prince said she would not categorize as something sprung on us. She is really worried about the nature of those protests in the next few weeks. I hope we are able to get this equipment. The protests are getting more dangerous. This equipment came to us from a grant. We have to find a way to pay for that equipment when it comes new. We have one-time money. She will not be able to support the motion.

Jalali stated the motion is to return to reserve. This is about department transparency.

Motion by Jalali

Yes – Yang, Jalali, No – Noecker, Prince, Thao, Tolbert, Brendmoen

2 in favor, 5 opposed

Amendment fails

Councilmember Noecker said Finance has had conversation with Police. This was a need that was not granted in 2020 and not into 2021. If there were dollars at the end of the year, we were not aware of those conversations earlier. Would be helpful to know those conversations.

Brendmoen said one question would be what is on the wish list.

Tolbert moved the item.

Yes – Noecker, Prince, Thao, Tolbert, Brendmoen

N – Yang, Jalali

5 in favor, 2 opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

34 [RES PH 20-276](#)

Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$1,003,137 to reflect Metropolitan Council Regional Parks Bonding Program funding, and giving permission for the proper city officials to enter into an agreement with the Metropolitan Council, which includes an indemnification clause.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held online and transcribed over the phone.

Councilmember Prince moved the close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

35 [RES PH 20-283](#)

Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$6,900 for improvements to Margaret Park.

Council President Brendmoen said public hearing was held online and transcribed over the phone.

Councilmember Prince moved the close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

36 [RES PH 20-285](#)

Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$77,800 to reflect funds received from the Lower Phalen Creek Project for staff design services for the Wakan Tipi project.

Council President Brendmoen said public hearing was held over the phone and through e-mail.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

37 [RES PH 20-280](#)

Authorizing the Police Department to enter into a grant agreement with the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for the COSSAP grant (Comprehensive, Opioid, Stimulant, Substance Abuse Site Based Program).

Council President Brendmeoen said the public hearing was held online and over the phone.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

38 [RES PH 20-282](#)

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$31,809.40 for the Minnesota Task Force One team reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Council President Brendmoen said we held the public hearing online and over the

phone. She moved to close the public hearing and approve.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and the resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

No objections were received.

Councilmember Yang moved adoption of the Legislative Hearing items.

7 in favor, none opposed

Public hearings are closed and the resolutions are adopted

The Legislative Hearing Officer recommended adoption of the following resolutions, as no objections were received:

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

Nay: 0

- 39** [RLH FCO 20-166](#) Appeal of Shalanda Williams to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 474 BLAIR AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 40** [RLH FCO 20-164](#) Appeal of Juan F. Paredes to a Reinspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 1048 BURR STREET.
- Adopted**
- 41** [RLH OA 20-9](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of David Goodlow, Jr. for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1008 CARROLL AVENUE.
- Adopted**
- 42** [RLH SAO 20-47](#) Appeal of Paul F. Stefanyshyn to a Summary Abatement Order and Vehicle Abatement Order at 98 GARFIELD STREET.
- Adopted**
- 43** [RLH SAO 20-46](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 598 LAFOND AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 20-41.
- Adopted**

- 44 [RLH VO 20-57](#) Amending Council File RLH VO 20-38, adopted September 23, 2020, to grant Davina Harper an additional extension for property at 403 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 45 [RLH VO 20-56](#) Appeal of Hussein U. Abdullahi to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1393 PROSPERITY AVENUE.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 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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The public may comment on public hearing items in writing or via voicemail. Any comments and materials submitted by 12:00 pm of the day before the meeting will be attached to the public record and available for review by the City Council. Comments may be submitted as follows:

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.

While the Council will make best efforts to decide all issues before them, the Council may delay decisions on certain matters where the members believe meeting in-person is necessary. All City Council public hearings will be held at 3:30 p.m. and there will be no separate 5:30 p.m. public hearings. More information is available at www.stpaul.gov/departments/city-council

Council Meeting Information

The City Council is paperless which saves the environment and reduces expenses. The agendas and Council files are all available on the Web (see below). Council members use mobile devices to review the files during the meeting. Using a mobile device greatly reduces costs since most agendas, including the documents attached to files, are over 1000 pages when printed.

Web

Meetings are available on the Council's website. Email notification and web feeds (RSS) of newly released minutes, agendas, and meetings are available by subscription. Visit www.stpaul.gov/council for meeting videos and updated copies of the agendas, minutes, and supporting documents.

Cable

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