



# 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*

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Wednesday, January 6, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### 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

#### COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 21-1](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 20-42 and 20-43.  
  
**Sponsors:** Brendmoen  
  
**Received and Filed**
- 2 [AO 20-69](#) Amending HOME project budget for Parkway Apts.  
  
**Received and Filed**
- 3 [AO 20-70](#) Amending the 2020 Fund 200 grant budget for the Department of Emergency Management to more accurately record expenditures.  
  
**Received and Filed**
- 4 [AO 20-71](#) Amending the 2020 Fund 200 grant budget for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.  
  
**Received and Filed**
- 5 [AO 20-72](#) Amending the 2020 Fund 722 budget for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.  
  
**Received and Filed**

- 6     [AO 20-73](#)     Amending the 2020 general fund budget for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures  
**Received and Filed**
- 7     [AO 20-74](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its 2020 Special Fund operating budget to more accurately record expenditures.  
**Received and Filed**
- 8     [AO 21-1](#)     Amending the 2020 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Street Lighting Maintenance accounting unit.  
**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:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

**Nay:** 0

- 10    [RES 21-4](#)     Approving the agreement between the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) and the Association for Non-Smokers-Minnesota (ANSR), and accepting a grant of \$7,000 to enable DSI to limit youth access to tobacco products.  
  
**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen  
**Adopted**
- 11    [RES 21-5](#)     Approving an agreement with MnDOT for maintenance of sidewalks along and adjacent to Trunk Highway 52.  
  
**Sponsors:**     Noecker  
**Adopted**
- 12    [RES 21-23](#)    Approving a Cooperative Construction Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for traffic signal, sidewalk, and

roadway surface improvements adjacent to Trunk Highway 94.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 13 [RES 21-14](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2021 Wage and Fringe Adjustment (January 1, 2021) for the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Laid over to January 13**

- 14 [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).

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 15 [RES 21-7](#) Approving the execution of an amendment to the Municipal Lease Agreement with US Bank Equipment Finance.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 16 [RES 21-6](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for Five Star Cafe, LLC.

**Sponsors:** Tolbert

**Adopted**

- 17 [RES 21-31](#) Authorizing the City to accept the donation of services of a climate advisor to assist the City in its work with the American Cities Climate Challenge.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 18 [RES 21-25](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to expend an amount not

to exceed \$15,000 for the purpose of providing refreshments, marketing materials, and other incentives for various activities, programs, and events throughout 2021.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 19     [RES 21-16](#)     Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of one treadmill valued at \$2,800 from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 20     [RES 21-26](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during May 20 to September 17, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for March 17, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2105, Assessment No. 218804)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 21     [RES 21-27](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during October 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for March 17, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2105B, Assessment No. 218104)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 22     [RES 21-28](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during August 19 to September 14, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for March 17, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2105, Assessment No. 218204)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 23     [RES 21-29](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during August 26 to September 21, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for March 17, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2105E, Assessment No. 218304)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

- 24     [RES 21-30](#)     Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Dangerous Tree(s) during February 2020 at 1711 St Clair Ave, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for March 17, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2101T, Assessment No. 219000)

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted**

#### FOR DISCUSSION

- 9     [RES 21-9](#)     Designating the City's official newspaper for 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**Adopted as amended**

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

**Nay:** 0

#### SUSPENSION ITEMS

- [RES 21-70](#)     Authorizing a license agreement between Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc. and the Police Department for the City's use of vacant commercial space for police training activities.

**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen

**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

- 25     [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.

**Sponsors:** Thao

**Withdrawn**

- 26 [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.

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 27 [RES PH 21-3](#) Amending the spending budget for the Public Works Grant Fund related to the 2021 Ramsey County SCORE Incentive Grant.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 28 [RES PH 21-2](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present announcements and music on Saturday, January 30, 2021 for the Winter Carnival 5K - Securian at Lake Phalen.

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 29 [RES PH 21-4](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept and amend the 2021 Special Fund Budget for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Pathway to Policing Grant.

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

## LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

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

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

**Nay:** 0

- 30**    [RLH TA 20-548](#)    Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 915 ARCADE STREET. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)
- Sponsors:**    Yang
- 32**    [RLH VBR 20-73](#)    Appeal of Rebecca Amidon to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1285 BEECHWOOD PLACE.
- Sponsors:**    Tolbert
- Adopted**
- 34**    [RLH SAO 20-56](#)    Appeal of Gregory E. Johnson to a Summary Abatement Order at 1023 BURR STREET.
- Sponsors:**    Brendmoen
- Adopted**
- 35**    [RLH FCO  
20-167](#)    Appeal of Brett Hesley to a Correction Notice Re-Inspection Complaint at 1550 BUSH AVENUE.
- Sponsors:**    Prince
- Adopted**
- 37**    [RLH RR 20-48](#)    Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 750 CHATSWORTH STREET SOUTH within fifteen (15) days after the January 6, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Adopted**

- 38 [RLH SAO 20-51](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 910 CLEAR AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 20-48.

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted**

- 40 [RLH SAO 20-49](#) Appeal of Catherine Maurer to a Summary Abatement Order at 1122 EARL STREET.

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted**

- 41 [RLH TA 20-559](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 970 EDGERTON STREET. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted**

- 42 [RLH RR 20-49](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 1976 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE within sixty (60) days after the January 6, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

**Sponsors:** Jalali

**Adopted**

- 43 [RLH OA 20-10](#) Appeal of Jacob Sprecher to a Fence Permit Denial at 274 FILLMORE AVENUE EAST.

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Adopted**

- 47 [RLH TA 20-555](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1235 MARGARET STREET. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)

**Sponsors:** Prince

**Adopted**

- 51 [RLH VBR 20-76](#) Appeal of Aretta-Rie Johnson, D.I.V.I.N.E. Institute, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 842 RICE STREET.

**Sponsors:** Thao

**Adopted**



- 55     [RLH TA 20-146](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 607 SHERWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2011A, Assessment No. 208510)  
**Sponsors:**     Yang  
**Adopted**
- 57     [RLH TA 20-561](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1734 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)  
**Sponsors:**     Yang  
**Adopted**
- 58     [RLH TA 20-549](#)     Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 759 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)  
**Sponsors:**     Thao  
**Adopted**
- 59     [RLH TA 20-547](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1060 VIRGINIA STREET. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)  
**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen  
**Adopted**

**The Legislative Hearing Officer recommended adopting the following items:**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 61     [RLH AR 20-44](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during November 1 to 14, 2019. (File No. J2011A, Assessment No. 208510, public hearing continued from April 1, 2020)  
**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen  
**Adopted**
- 63     [RLH AR 20-131](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean services during June 2 to 11, 2020. (File No. J2101A, Assessment No. 218500)  
**Sponsors:**     Brendmoen  
**Adopted**
- 64     [RLH AR 20-132](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean up services during June 12 to

30, 2020. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted**

**Legislative Hearing Officer recommended amending and adoption of the following item:**

- 62**     [RLH AR 20-45](#)     Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during November 14 to 26, 2019. (File No. J2012A, Assessment No. 208511, public hearing continued from April 1, 2020)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted as amended (delete 1187 Reaney Avenue for separate consideration; to be referred back to January 19 Legislative Hearing)**

**For the following items, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendations were received, therefore, she recommended amendment and adoption:**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 36**     [RLH TA 20-567](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 986 CARROLL AVENUE. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)

**Sponsors:** Thao

**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**

- 39**     [RLH TA 21-15](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 773 COOK AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2101A, Assessment No. 218500, Legislative Hearing on January 5, 2021)

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**

- 44**     [RLH TA 20-531](#)     Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1941 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2012E, Assessment No. 208318, public hearing continued from September 16, 2020)

**Sponsors:** Prince

**Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)**

- 45 [RLH TA 20-532](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1941 FREMONT AVENUE. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316, public hearing continued from August 19, 2020)

**Sponsors:** Prince

**Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)**

- 46 [RLH RR 20-23](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1915 IVY AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the July 8, 2020 City Council public hearing. (Amend to grant 180 days)

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted as amended (grant 180 days)**

- 48 [RLH TA 20-566](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 564 MENDOTA STREET. (File No. J2101A, Assessment No. 218500)

**Sponsors:** Prince

**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**

- 49 [RLH TA 20-370](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 763 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316)

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted as amended (assessment approved)**

- 52 [RLH TA 20-143](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1090 ROSS AVENUE. (File No. J2011A1, Assessment No. 208536, public hearing continued from October 7, 2020)

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**

- 53 [RLH TA 20-526](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1252 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2011A, Assessment No. 208510)

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**

- 54 [RLH TA 20-551](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1398 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2102A, Assessment No. 218501)

**Sponsors:** Jalali

**Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**

- 56 [RLH TA 20-560](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 917 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. J2101A, Assessment No. 218500)

**Sponsors:** Yang

**Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)**

- 60 [RLH TA 20-367](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 491 WHEELLOCK PARKWAY EAST. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (Amend to delete)

**Sponsors:** Brendmoen

**Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)**

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

- 31 [RLH VBR 20-77](#) Appeal of Natosha Carney to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1544 BEECH STREET.

**Sponsors:** Prince

**Laid over to January 13**

**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 was contested and additional testimony from the appellant is in the record:**

- 33 [RLH TA 20-552](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 564 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J2101A, Assessment No. 218500)

**Sponsors:** Thao

**Adopted as amended (assessment approved)**

**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 was contested and additional testimony from the appellant is in the record:

- 50     [RLH VBR 20-80](#)     Amending Council File RLH VBR 20-66 to grant Andrew McNattin, Emsa Properties, an additional extension for property at 1323 PAYNE AVENUE.

**Sponsors:**         Yang

**Adopted**

**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 4:33 p.m.

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