



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, January 13, 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 21-2](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 20-44, 20-45 and 20-46.

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Yang 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

2 [RES 21-32](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessment for installation of a fire protection system at the Minnesota Transportation Museum at 193 Pennsylvania Ave. E., covering Bay B and Bay C of the building. (Project No. FP2019-05, Assessment

No. 197104).

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 3 [RES 21-38](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a new management agreement with ARTS-US for the management of programming services at Dunning Recreation Center.

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 4 [RES 21-39](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into a new management agreement with Blackhawks Soccer for the management of programming services at Orchard Recreation Center.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 5 [RES 21-41](#) Changing the rate of pay for Heavy Equipment Operator-Water. (To be withdrawn)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Withdrawn

- 6 [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

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-43](#) Memorializing a Council decision granting an appeal by CommonBond Communities, from a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, for a zoning variance requested to construct a multi-unit senior residential housing building at 830 Cretin Avenue.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-74](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Maia Maiden, Lindsay Kimball, and Saymoukda Vongsay to the Cultural STAR Board.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-46](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Alex Halverson and Munira Esmael to the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 10 [RES 21-48](#) Approving the Mayor's appointments of Jacob Reilly, Zhijun Yang, and Simon Taghioff to the Planning Commission.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 11 [RES 21-44](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Kristine Grill, Aquanetta Anderson, and Cedrick Baker to the Planning Commission.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 12 [RES 21-47](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointment of Eric Forstrom to the Police Civilian Internal Affairs Review Commission.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 13 [RES 21-56](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to pay for all costs for Emergency Management training and/or costs associated with the operation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during emergency and declared disasters in 2021.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 14 [RES 21-59](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Falcon Heights to provide fire and hazardous materials response to the City of Falcon Heights.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 16 [RES 21-85](#) Approving adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco License held by Mini Pac (License ID #20180004316) at 1184 Maryland Avenue East.

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 17 [RES 21-90](#) Denying an application by Keith Schroeder to rezone property commonly

known as 981 Fuller Avenue from R4 Single Family Residential to T2 traditional neighborhood.

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 15 [RES 21-77](#) Committing to racial healing through the exploration of reparations for American descendants of Chattel Slavery Living in Saint Paul.
- Sponsors:** Prince, Yang, Brendmoen, Tolbert, Noecker, Thao and Jalali
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 18 [SR 21-5](#) Staff report from the Administration.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Received and Filed**
- 19 [RES 21-24](#) Supporting the second daily train to Chicago.
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

ORDINANCES

- 20 [Ord 21-1](#) Emergency ordinance extending the effective date for Saint Paul Legislative Code § 236 pertaining to plastic packaging until January 1, 2022.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Withdrawn**
- 21 [Ord 21-2](#) Emergency ordinance regulating third-party food delivery platforms during the COVID-19 Emergency.
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 22** [RES PH 21-1](#) Authorizing the City to apply and accept \$700,000 in grant funding from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation for the People's Prosperity Pilot; authorizing the execution of a grant agreement; and amending the 2021 Office of Financial Empowerment budget.

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

- 25** [RLH TA 20-573](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 872 DULUTH STREET. (File No. J2101E, Assessment No. 218300)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 26** [RLH TA 20-158](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 365 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. 2003T, Assessment No. 209002)

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 29** [RLH TA 20-676](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1248 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. J2101E, Assessment No. 208300)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 30 [RLH TA 20-544](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 142 FIFTH STREET EAST (ROLL HAS 134 FIFTH STREET). (File No. J2014B, Assessment No. 208115)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 32 [RLH SAO 21-2](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 98 GARFIELD STREET in Council File RLH SAO 20-47.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 34 [RLH RR 20-52](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1013 JAMESON STREET within one-hundred eighty (180) days after the January 13, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 35 [RLH TA 20-609](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 160 LARPENTEUR AVENUE WEST (1675 RICE STREET). (File No. J2101B, Assessment No. 218100)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 36 [RLH SAO 20-50](#) Appeal of Kenrie Williams to a Summary Abatement Order at 1098 MARION STREET.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 37 [RLH OA 20-11](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Joshua Frilstad for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 1801 NEBRASKA AVENUE EAST.

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 38 [RLH TA 20-703](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 444 PAGE STREET EAST. (File No. VB2101, Assessment No. 218800)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 39 [RLH TA 20-641](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1202 PAYNE AVENUE. (File No. J2014B, Assessment No. 208115)
Sponsors: Yang
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 20-617](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 850 RANDOLPH AVENUE. (File No. J2101E, Assessment No. 218300)
Sponsors: Noecker
Adopted
- 41 [RLH VBR 20-81](#) Appeal of Kevin Mortarj to a Vacant Building Fee Warning Letter at 1065 ROSS AVENUE.
Sponsors: Yang
Adopted
- 43 [RLH TA 20-608](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1128 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J2101P, Assessment No. 218400)
Sponsors: Noecker
Adopted
- 45 [RLH TA 20-572](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 818 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2101B, Assessment No. 218100)
Sponsors: Thao
Adopted
- 48 [RLH TA 20-577](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1825 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2101P, Assessment No. 218400)
Sponsors: Jalali
Adopted
- 50 [RLH TA 20-628](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1627 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2014B, Assessment No. 208115)
Sponsors: Yang
Adopted
- 52 [RLH AR 20-50](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Dangerous Tree(s) from June to December 2018. (File No. 2003T, Assessment No. 208002) (Public hearing continued from April 8)

Sponsors: Brendmoen
Adopted

- 53 [RLH AR 20-51](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Dangerous Tree(s) during November 2019 at 1306 Fairmount Avenue. (File No. 2004T, Assessment No. 208003) (Public hearing continued from April 8)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 54 [RLH AR 20-133](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during December 24, 2019 to May 18, 2020. (File No. VB2101, Assessment No. 218800)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 55 [RLH AR 20-134](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during June 2020. (File No. J2101B, Assessment No. 218100)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 56 [RLH AR 20-135](#) Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services from January to June 2020. (File No. J2101C, Assessment No. 212000)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 58 [RLH AR 20-137](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during April 22 to May 21, 2020. (File No. J2101E, Assessment No. 218300)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 60 [RLH AR 20-145](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during May 28 to 31, 2020. (File No. J2014B, Assessment No. 208115)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 61 [RLH AR 21-7](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 2019. (File No. J2007B, Assessment No. 208106)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

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

Nay: 0

- 23** [RLH TA 20-157](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 793 ARLINGTON AVENUE WEST. (File No. 2003T, Assessment No. 209002) (Public hearing to be continued to January 13, 2021)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Adopted as amended (assessment decreased)**
- 24** [RLH VBR 20-77](#) Appeal of Natosha Carney to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1544 BEECH STREET.
- Sponsors:** Prince
- Adopted as amended (allow for re-occupancy if furnace system installed under permit and permit finalled by April 8. If not, require code compliance inspection, as it is a Category 2 registered vacant building following condemnation as unfit for human habitation)**
- 28** [RLH SAO 20-24](#) Appeal of Eric Olsen, Park Crossing, Inc., to a Summary Abatement Order at 2233 ENERGY PARK DRIVE.
- Sponsors:** Jalali
- Adopted as amended (extend compliance date to May 1, 2021)**
- 44** [RLH RR 21-1](#) Referring to City Council of a potential stay of enforcement of demolition for Amazing Homes Ecclesia LLC, represented by Michael Aderinkomi, for property at 1179 SEVENTH STREET EAST.
- Sponsors:** Yang
- Adopted as amended (continue stay of enforcement through April 16, 2021)**
- 46** [RLH TA 20-340](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 158 SIDNEY STREET EAST. (File No. J2010E, Assessment No. 208315) (Amend to delete)
- Sponsors:** Noecker

Adopted as amended (delete assessment)

- 57 [RLH AR 20-136](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during April 21 to May 18, 2020. (File No. CRT2101, Assessment No. 218200)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended (refer 1568 Hague Avenue to Legislative Hearing of February 2)

- 59 [RLH AR 20-138](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during May 21 to July 2, 2020. (File No. J2101P, Assessment No. 218400)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended (refer 433 Robert Street South to Legislative Hearing of February 2)

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation was to continue the public hearing to the dates listed:

- 47 [RLH TA 20-707](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 716 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. VB2101, Assessment No. 218800) (To continue Public Hearing to January 27, 2021)

Sponsors: Yang

Public hearing continued to January 27

- 49 [RLH TA 20-596](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1935 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2101, Assessment No. 208800) (Public Hearing to be continued to February 17, 2021)

Sponsors: Jalali

Public hearing continued to February 17

- 51 [RLH RR 20-32](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 901 YORK AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the October 7, 2020, City Council Public Hearing. (To be referred back to Legislative Hearing on January 26, 2021)

Sponsors: Yang

Public hearing continued to January 20

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation was to refer the items to the Legislative Hearing on the dates listed:

- 27** [RLH RR 20-44](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 854 EDMUND AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 2, 2020, City Council Public Hearing. (Legislative Hearing on January 12, 2021)
- Sponsors:** Thao
- Refer to the January 26 Legislative Hearing**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- 31** [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. (Legislative Hearing on January 12, 2021)
- Sponsors:** Brendmoen
- Refer to the February 9 Legislative Hearing**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- 33** [RLH RR 20-51](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1629 HARTFORD AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the January 13, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (To be referred back to January 26, 2021 Legislative Hearing)
- Sponsors:** Tolbert
- Refer to the January 26 Legislative Hearing**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
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- 42** [RLH RR 20-53](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1313 SEMINARY AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the January 13, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (To be referred back to February 9, 2021, Legislative Hearing; Public Hearing continued to February 17, 2021)
- Sponsors:** Jalali
- Refer to the February 9 Legislative Hearing**

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 5:53 p.m.

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