



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 27, 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 21-10](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-5.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

2 [AO 21-6](#) Amending CDBG projects budget.

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 Thao to Approve the Consent Agenda
The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

3 [RES 21-171](#) Authorizing the City to enter into a joint powers agreement with Ramsey County Geographic Information Systems for governmental units interested in using geographic systems and data created and maintained by Ramsey County.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 4 [RES 21-101](#) Approving the issuance of conduit revenue bonds by the Port Authority for the benefit of District Energy Saint Paul, Inc.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 5 [RES 21-20](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during November 13 to 30, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for February 16, 2021 and City Council public hearing for April 7, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2112A, Assessment No. 218511)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 6 [RES 21-126](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during September 21 to October 21, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 2, 2021 and City Council public hearing for April 14, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2106E, Assessment No. 218305)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-136](#) Authorizing the City to apply to Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Redevelopment Grant funding for projects at 520 Payne Avenue, 678 Snelling Avenue North, 1222 University Avenue, and 1790 University Avenue.

Sponsors: Brendmoen, Jalali, Thao and Prince

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-140](#) Approving the Pay Equity Implementation Report for submission to the State of Minnesota Management and Budget.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-149](#) Accepting the donation of services of the American Cities Climate Challenge Climate Advisor and other professional services until June 30, 2021 and thanking the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. and Bloomberg Philanthropies for their gift.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 10 [RES 21-147](#) Approving Mayor Carter's appointment of Stephanie McCauley and Karen Francois to the Civil Service Commission.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 11 [RES 21-162](#) Approving the Second Amended Lease Agreement between the City and Saint Paul Regional Water Services (SPRWS).

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 13 [RES 21-168](#) Authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Primacy Strategy Group. (To be withdrawn.)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Withdrawn

- 14 [RES 21-169](#) Authorizing a Professional Services Contract with Ward Einess Strategies, LLC. (To be withdrawn)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Withdrawn

FOR DISCUSSION

- 12 [RES 21-165](#) Recognizing the Friends of Mears Park for their dedication and stewardship of Mears Park.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 15 [RES 21-146](#) Recognizing Wendy Neurer's career with the City of Saint Paul and congratulating her on her retirement.

Sponsors: Prince, Tolbert, Noecker and Thao

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

16 [RES 21-166](#)

Authorizing the City to transfer \$6,061,828 in CDBG-CV funds to specific accounts for COVID related activities.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

17 [AHPC 20-3](#)

Public hearing to consider the appeal of Jim LaValle, TJJ Development LLC, to the Heritage Preservation Commission decision of 156 Dale Street in the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District. (Public hearing held December 2, 2020) (To be withdrawn)

Sponsors: Thao

Withdrawn**SUSPENSION ITEM****Rules suspended**

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

Nay: 0

[RES 21-192](#)

Amending the City's Legislative Agenda for the 2021 Legislative Session .

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

- 18 [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 March 24

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 19 [Ord 21-3](#) Granting the application of NBH Holdings LLC to rezone the property at 1350 Arcade Street and 835 Clear Avenue from R4 one-family residential to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Sponsors: Yang

Laid over to February 3 for second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 20 [RES PH 21-6](#) Approving the petition of Maureen Michalski of Ryan Companies on behalf of Project Paul, LLC and Presbyterian Homes & Services, to vacate air rights over Mount Curve Boulevard, abutting Blocks 6 and 7, FORD plat.

Sponsors: Tolbert

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21 [RES PH 21-12](#) Approving adverse action against the Cigarette/Tobacco License held by Ammar Alfuraui d/b/a Twins Market & Meat (License ID #20160002240) at

1055 Fourth Street East.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

22 [AHPC 21-2](#)

Public hearing to consider the appeal of Carlos Perez, Sketches LLC on behalf of Sullivan Property Investments II, LLC to the Heritage Preservation Commission decision of 540 Portland Avenue in the Historic Hill Heritage Preservation District

Sponsors: Thao

Motion of intent - application granted

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Prince

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

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

23 [RLH TA 21-25](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1000 ARCADE STREET. (File No. J2102P, Assessment No. 218401)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

24 [RLH TA 20-630](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1779 ARLINGTON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2102P, Assessment No. 218401)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

25 [RLH VBR 21-3](#)

Appeal of Paul Ormseth, Paul Ormseth Restoration and Construction LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 767 FOURTH STREET

EAST.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

- 27 [RLH TA 20-657](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1862 IVY AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2102B, Assessment No. 218101)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 28 [RLH SAO 21-1](#) Appeal of Robert McCarthy to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1356 JEFFERSON AVENUE.

Sponsors: Tolbert

Adopted

- 30 [RLH RR 20-56](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 174 PAGE STREET WEST in Council File RLH RR 20-11.

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

- 31 [RLH VO 21-1](#) Appeal of Rico Duran, Latino Economic Development Center, to a Reinspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies (which includes condemnation) at 857 PAYNE AVENUE and 859 PAYNE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 32 [RLH RR 21-7](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 489 SHERBURNE AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 20-18.

Sponsors: Thao

Adopted

- 34 [RLH TA 20-661](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1734 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. VB2102, Assessment No. 1500680)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

- 35 [RLH RR 21-3](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 2022 STILLWATER AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 20-39.

Sponsors: Prince

Adopted

- 37 [RLH TA 20-642](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1831 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2102P, Assessment No. 218401)

Sponsors: Jalali

Adopted

- 39 [RLH RR 21-8](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1143 WOODBRIDGE STREET in Council File RLH RR 20-7.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 40 [RLH AR 20-151](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during January 23 to June 12, 2020. (File No. VB2102, Assessment No. 218801)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 42 [RLH AR 20-153](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during March 16 to June 13, 2020. (File No. CRT2102, Assessment No. 218201)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

- 43 [RLH AR 20-154](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during May 22 to June 19, 2020. (File No. J2102E, Assessment No. 218301)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 38 [RLH TA 20-634](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1040 WESTERN AVENUE NORTH. (File No. J2102E, Assessment No. 218301)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended (delete assessment)

- 41 [RLH AR 20-152](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during July 2020. (File No. J2102B, Assessment No. 218101)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended (refer 410 Van Dyke Street to March 2 Legislative Hearing)

- 44 [RLH AR 20-155](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during July 7 to 30, 2020. (File No. J2102P, Assessment No. 218401)

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Adopted as amended (refer 1910 Suburban Avenue to March 2 Legislative Hearing)

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation is to continue the public hearing to February 10:

- 26 [RLH TA 20-631](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 959 HUDSON ROAD. (File No. VB2102, Assessment No. 218801) (Public hearing continued to February 10, 2021)

Sponsors: Prince

Public hearing continued to February 10

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

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

- 29 [RLH TA 20-681](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 736 OAKDALE AVENUE (File No. VB2102, Assessment No. 218801)

Sponsors: Noecker

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

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

- 36** [RLH TA 20-643](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1352 SUMMIT AVENUE. (File No. VB2102, Assessment No. 218801)

Sponsors: Tolbert

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

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 20-707](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 716 SIMS AVENUE. (File No. VB2101B, Assessment No. 218808) (To continue Public Hearing to January 27, 2021)

Sponsors: Yang

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

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