



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, February 3, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.
Councilmember Tolbert arrived during Item 18.

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.

Received and Filed

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

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: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember
Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and
Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Tolbert

- 3 [RES 21-49](#) Approving the release of a portion of the utility easement rights retained in vacation file RES PH 20-123.
- Adopted**
- 4 [RES 21-181](#) Accepting a Sidewalk and Public Utility Easement from Snelling Shields LLC and an Emergency Vehicle Ingress/Egress Easement from Central Baptist Church in connection with "The Pitch" commercial development at 427 Snelling Avenue North.
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 21-69](#) Removing the parking meter zones on Park Street between Sherburne Avenue and Como Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 21-94](#) Approving the extension agreements for transfer of Saint Paul Police employees, Tina C. McNamara, David A. Titus, and Michael D. Whisler, to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office.
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 21-119](#) Granting preliminary approval to the issuance of certain general obligation and revenue bonds as approved in the 2021 budget of the City of Saint Paul; expressing the intent of the City of Saint Paul to reimburse itself from the proceeds of such tax-exempt bonds; and authorizing City finance staff and advisors to take certain actions with respect to the sale of such bonds.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 21-122](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during July 16 to October 19, 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. VB2106, Assessment No. 218805)
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 21-123](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 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. J2106B, Assessment No. 218105)
- Adopted**

- 10 [RES 21-124](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from November 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. J2103C, Assessment No. 212002)
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 21-125](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during September 15 to October 22, 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. CRT2106, Assessment No. 218205)
- Adopted**
- 12 [RES 21-127](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased Tree(s) during August at 1052 Charles Ave, 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. 2102T, Assessment No. 219001)
- Adopted**
- 13 [RES 21-131](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Properties during July to September 2020, and setting date of City Council public hearing for March 3, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2100LDSRP, Assessment No. 214000)
- Adopted**
- 14 [RES 21-133](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private Properties during July to September 2020, and setting date of City Council public hearing for March 3, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2100, Assessment No. 213000)
- Adopted**
- 15 [RES 21-150](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for \$4,000 in funding through the Saint Paul Garden Club Community Improvement Project Grant program and, if awarded, accept said funds and enter into an agreement with the Saint Paul Garden Club to purchase seeds, plants, and related materials to enhance the Kellogg Mall Park roadway medians.
- Adopted**
- 16 [RES 21-155](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to solicit and accept donations for the 2021 Citywide Spring Cleanup event.
- Adopted**

- 17 [RES 21-173](#) Approving the use or non-use of a Project Labor Agreement on Department of Parks and Recreation construction projects for the first half of 2021.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 21-180](#) Appointing City members to the board of directors of the Local Government Information Systems (LOGIS).

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 18 [RES 21-164](#) Expressing the City's Priorities for the MnDOT "Rethinking I-94" Project.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES 21-187](#) Approving the appointment of Caitlin Grady as Legislative Aide in Ward 3.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 21 [SR 21-11](#) Update on Covid-19 vaccinations.

Received and Filed

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.

Second Reading

- 22 [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.

Laid over to February 10 for third reading/public hearing

First Reading

- 23 [Ord 21-7](#) Amending and replacing ordinance CF10-779 and authorizing the issuance of general obligation library refunding bonds of the Public Library Agency in order to achieve debt service savings.
- Laid over to February 10 for second reading**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 24 [RES PH 21-13](#) Adopting the 2021 Operating Plan and corresponding budget for the Downtown Special Service District and amending the City Operating Budget.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

- 25 [RES PH 21-15](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$121,105.96 to accept the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant to provide paramedic training for firefighters.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

- 26 [RES PH 21-16](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$89,400 for a contribution received from the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education to pay for training for firefighters.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0

RECONSIDERATION & PUBLIC HEARING**Item is reconsidered**

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

Nay: 0

- 27 [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.

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 recommends 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

- 28 [RLH TA 20-648](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1366 ALMOND AVENUE. (File No. J2014A, Assessment No. 208513)

Adopted

- 30 [RLH TA 21-77](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1696 BOHLAND AVENUE. (File No. J2014A, Assessment No. 208513) (Legislative Hearing on January 28, 2021)

Adopted

- 31 [RLH TA 21-73](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 733 CASE AVENUE. (File No. J2013A, Assessment No. 208512) (Legislative Hearing on January 28, 2021)

Adopted

- 32 [RLH TA 20-662](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1092 EDGERTON STREET. (File No. J2013A, Assessment No. 218502)

Adopted

- 33 [RLH TA 20-223](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 55 FIFTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)

Adopted

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- 34 [RLH FCO 21-3](#) Appeal of Robert Leibman to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy with Deficiencies at 687 FIFTH STREET EAST.
- Adopted**
- 38 [RLH VBR 21-4](#) Appeal of Tom DeLisle to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1053 LAWSON AVENUE EAST.
- Adopted**
- 39 [RLH FCO 21-6](#) Appeal of Robert & Anne Long to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 2053 LINCOLN AVENUE. (Legislative Hearing on February 2, 2021)
- Adopted**
- 41 [RLH TA 21-71](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1155 MARGARET STREET. (File No. J2106A, Assessment No. 218505) (Legislative Hearing on January 28, 2021)
- Adopted**
- 47 [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.
- Adopted**
- 51 [RLH TA 20-172](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 882 WESTMINSTER STREET. (File No. J2014A, Assessment No. 208513) (Public hearing to be continued to October 7)
- Adopted**
- 54 [RLH AR 20-61](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during December 2019. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)
- Adopted**
- 55 [RLH AR 20-64](#) Ratifying the assessments for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during August to December 2019. (File No. J2003V, Assessment No. 208002)
- Adopted**
- 56 [RLH AR 20-65](#) Ratifying the assessments for Tree Removal service during January 2019 at 1425 6th Street East. (File No. 2005T, Assessment No. 209004)
- Adopted**
- 58 [RLH AR 20-158](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during August 17 to 31, 2020. (File No. J2106A, Assessment No. 218505)
- Adopted**
- 59 [RLH TA 21-86](#) Amending Council Files RLH AR 20-43, RLH AR 20-81, RLH AR 20-115, RLH AR 20-149 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage

Bills for services for Quarter 3, 2019, Quarter 4, 2019, Quarter 1, 2020 and Quarter 2, 2020 at 397 THOMAS AVENUE. (Assessment Nos.190163, 200119, 200138, 200146)

Adopted

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

- 36** [RLH VBR 20-71](#) Appeal of John Hutton to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1823 HEWITT AVENUE.
- Adopted as amended (grant appeal)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 37** [RLH RR 20-55](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 578 LAFOND AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 19-26. (Public Hearing continued to February 3, 2021)
- Adopted as amended (nuisance condition now abated)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 45** [RLH TA 21-83](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1663 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2105A, Assessment No. 218504) (Legislative Hearing on February 2, 2021)
- Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 48** [RLH TA 21-76](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 306 SIDNEY STREET WEST. (File No. J2003V, Assessment No. 208002) (Legislative Hearing on February 2, 2021)
- Adopted as amended (delete assessment)**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

- 52 [RLH AR 20-52](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during December 3 to 12, 2019. (File No. J2013A, Assessment No. 208512) (Public hearing continued from April 22)

Adopted as amended (technical updates)

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

Nay: 0

- 53 [RLH AR 20-53](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during December 13 to 30, 2019. (File No. J2014A, Assessment No. 208513) (Public hearing continued from April 22)

Adopted as amended (1027 Iglehart Avenue referred to February 16 Legislative Hearing, 869 Jenks Avenue referred to February 16 Legislative Hearing, 31 Winter Street referred to March 2 Legislative Hearing)

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

Nay: 0

- 57 [RLH AR 20-157](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during August 3 to 14, 2020. (File No. J2105A, Assessment No. 218504)

Adopted as amended (1670 Seventh Street East and 1817 Maryland Avenue East referred to February 16 Legislative Hearing)

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

Nay: 0

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officers recommendation was to continue the public hearings to the dates listed:

- 29 [RLH TA 20-708](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 37 ATWATER STREET. (File No. J2106A, Assessment No. 218505) (Public hearing continued to July 7, 2021)

Public hearing continued to July 7

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

Nay: 0

- 35** [RLH TA 20-288](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 0 HERBERT STREET, PARCEL ID: 27-29-22-13-0021. (File No. J2013A, Assessment No. 208515)

Public hearing continued to February 17

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

Nay: 0

- 44** [RLH TA 21-36](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1187 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. J2012A1, Assessment No. 208542) (Public Hearing continued to July 21, 2021)

Public hearing continued to July 21

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

Nay: 0

- 46** [RLH TA 20-680](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 901 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2106A, Assessment No. 218505) (Public hearing continued to July 7, 2021)

Public hearing continued to July 7

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

Nay: 0

- 50** [RLH TA 20-659](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 663 THIRD STREET EAST. (File No. J2106A, Assessment No. 218505) (Public Hearing continued to May 19, 2021)

Public hearing continue to May 19

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 to refer to the March 2 Legislative Hearing:

- 40** [RLH TA 21-82](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 52 LITCHFIELD STREET. (File No. J2105A, Assessment No. 218504) (Legislative Hearing on January 28, 2021)

Refer to March 2 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 was contested and additional testimony from the appellant is in the record:

- 43** [RLH TA 20-660](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 542 OHIO STREET. (File No. J2105A, Assessment No. 218504) (Public Hearing continued to May 19, 2021)

Adopted

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.

- 49** [RLH TA 20-210](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 836-838 SMITH AVENUE. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)

Amended and continue public hearing to October 6

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:

- 42 [RLH TA 20-230](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 888 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2008B, Assessment No. 208107)

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 4:58 p.m.

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