



# 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, February 24, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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#### ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 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

2 [CO 21-22](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Order 21-8.

Received and Filed

1 [AO 21-10](#) 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 Prince 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

- 3     [Min 21-7](#)            Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2020.  
**Adopted**
- 4     [RES 21-128](#)        Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during December 1 to 14, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 16, 2021 and City Council public hearing for April 28, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2113A, Assessment No. 218512)  
**Adopted**
- 5     [RES 21-129](#)        Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during December 14 to 31, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for March 16, 2021 and City Council public hearing for April 28, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2114A, Assessment No. 218513)  
**Adopted**
- 6     [RES 21-135](#)        Authorizing the City to enter into cooperative agreement PUBW2021-01 with Ramsey County for the construction of Traffic Signal System Improvements.  
**Adopted**
- 7     [RES 21-170](#)        Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$2,006,978 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to purchase 275 portable radios and provide cardiac and cancer screenings for firefighters.  
**Adopted**
- 8     [RES 21-286](#)        Authorizing the Fire Department to apply for the 2020 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant in the amount of \$173,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide fire investigation training and equipment and health and wellness programs for firefighters including peer support, peer fitness, and cancer task force.  
**Adopted**
- 9     [RES 21-231](#)        Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and, if awarded, accept funds from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, in an amount of up to \$850,000 a year for two years.  
**Adopted**
- 10    [RES 21-234](#)        Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and, if awarded, accept funds from the F.R. Bigelow Foundation for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, in an amount of up to \$20,000 for program year 2021.

**Adopted**

- 11     [RES 21-247](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for and, if awarded, accept funds from the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, in an amount of up to \$60,000 for program year 2021.

**Adopted**

- 12     [RES 21-248](#)     Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to be named as a subgrantee of Saint Paul Public Schools application to the United States Department of Agriculture and, if awarded, accept funds from Saint Paul Public Schools for Right Track, the City's Youth Employment Program, in an amount of up to \$20,000 for summer program years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

**Adopted**

- 13     [RES 21-261](#)     Authorizing the Horticulture Department at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory to apply for a grant of up to \$400 from the Mid-America Orchid Congress and, if awarded, accept it for the purchase of orchid plants in the year 2021.

**Adopted**

- 14     [RES 21-237](#)     Authorizing the City enter into an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) for the Kellogg/Third Street Bridge Project.

**Adopted**

- 15     [RES 21-262](#)     Authorizing using a Project Labor Agreement for the 2021 Citywide Sidewalk Contract, Downtown Brick Removal, Griggs-Scheffer Paving Project Phase 2, Hamline Avenue Mill and Overlay, Pelham Boulevard Bump-Outs, Saint Paul and Jefferson Avenue Pedestrian Improvements, Eastbound Kellogg Boulevard Bridge and Kellogg-Third Street Bridge, and authorizing not using a Project Labor Agreement on the Bancroft Stairs and Arterial Corridor Management.

**Adopted**

- 16     [RES 21-272](#)     Memorializing the City Council's decision denying an appeal from a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve zoning variances requested to construct a new triplex on a lot that with an existing triplex on property commonly known as 542 Portland Avenue.

**Adopted**

- 17     [RES 21-277](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to enter into the Interlocal Agreement with

Ramsey County and the City of Maplewood for the 2020 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program.

**Adopted**

- 18     [RES 21-212](#)     Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for a Wine On Sale, and Malt On Sale (Strong) licenses, for Taco N Madre Taqueria Y Cevicheria LLC (License ID # 20200002591), d/b/a same, at 63 Winifred Street West.

**Adopted**

**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 19     [SR 21-25](#)     Presentation regarding preparations in case of future unrest.

**Received and Filed**

- 20     [RES 21-257](#)     Approving the Mayor’s appointment of Roxanne Draughn and Walter Battle to a four-year term on the Neighborhood STAR Board. (Laid over from February 24)

**Laid over to March 3**

**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**

- 21     [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.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Second Reading**

- 22     [Ord 21-4](#)            Amending the zoning code as recommended in the Definition of Family Zoning Study.

**Laid over to March 3 for third reading/public hearing**

- 23     [Ord 21-6](#)            Amending Chapter 366A of the Legislative Code entitled "Parades, Races and Public Assemblies" to prohibit possession of certain items at such events. (To be withdrawn)

**Laid over to March 3 for third reading/public hearing**

- 24     [Ord 21-8](#)            Granting the application of 2069 Marshall Ave LLC to rezone property at 2069 Marshall Avenue from T2 Traditional Neighborhood to T3 Traditional Neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

**Laid over to March 3 for third reading/public hearing**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 25     [RES PH 21-7](#)        Amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$175,440.65 to utilize Parkland Dedication funds for the Westgate Park creation project.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 26     [RES PH 21-19](#)      Accepting a Competitive Equity Grant from the Metropolitan Council, amending the financing and spending plan in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$154,255 for environmental services, exhibits, public art, and architect services for the Wakan Tipi Center project at the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, and entering into a grant agreement, which includes an indemnification clause.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 27     [RES PH 21-29](#)      Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Emergency Management for the 2020 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 28**     [RES PH 21-33](#)     Authorizing Police and Emergency Management Departments to accept a grant in the amount of \$783,119 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA for the Port Security Grant Program.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 29**     [RES PH 21-36](#)     Authorizing the City to accept \$9,222,640 in Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Funds; amend the 2021 budget to incorporate the funds; exercise the Joint Powers with City of Minneapolis, Dakota County, Hennepin County, and Ramsey County to carry out a Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Rental Assistance Landlord Application Program; approve program guidelines; and execute the necessary agreements.

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 30**     [RES PH 21-31](#)     Amending the 2021 budget by adding the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

**Adopted**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 31**     [RES PH 21-32](#)     Authorizing the Police Department to accept and amend the 2021 Special Fund Budget for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

**Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

- 32     [RES PH 21-37](#)     Amending the Public Works grant budget for a Department of Energy grant of \$3,650,237.

**Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

- 33     [RES PH 21-38](#)     Amending the Public Works grant budget for a Department of Transportation grant of \$4,000,000.

**Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

- 34     [Ord 21-10](#)         Creating Chapter 223 of the Legislative Code relating to Guaranteed Income Program (Title XXIII).

**Amended; laid over to March 3 for final adoption**

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

Nay: 0

**SUSPENSION ITEM**

**Rules were suspended for both suspension items**

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

Nay: 0

- [RES 21-304](#)         Adopting the Community-First Public Safety City Council Fund Grant Awards.

**Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

[RES 21-289](#)

Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Liquor On Sale- 100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale- Sunday, Liquor- Outdoor Service Area (Sidewalk), and Gambling Location Licenses with conditions to Michael P. Mulrooney d/b/a Mike's Tav On The Ave (License ID #20200002773) for the premises located at 472 Snelling Avenue South.

**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 Office 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

**35** [RLH TA 21-23](#)

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1000 ARCADE STREET. (File No. J2104B, Assessment No. 211803)

**Adopted****39** [RLH OA 21-2](#)

Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Lori R. Dittel, heir of Fee Owners, for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 53 COOK AVENUE WEST.

**Adopted****43** [RLH OA 21-4](#)

Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of Anthony Costanza on behalf of CMA Investment, LLC for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 353 LARCH STREET.

**Adopted****44** [RLH TA 21-13](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 811 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2014B1, Assessment No. 208116)

**Adopted****45** [RLH SAO 21-8](#)

Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1098 MARION STREET in Council File RLH SAO 20-50.

**Adopted**



- 46 [RLH TA 21-37](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1119 MONTANA AVENUE WEST. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)  
**Adopted**
- 47 [RLH TA 21-75](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1214 PACIFIC STREET. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303)  
**Adopted**
- 49 [RLH TA 21-111](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1670 SEVENTH STREET EAST. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)  
**Adopted**
- 51 [RLH TA 21-3](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1417 TAYLOR AVENUE. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303)  
**Adopted**
- 52 [RLH OA 21-3](#) Making recommendation to Ramsey County on the application of The Pointe of Saint Paul Condominium Association for repurchase of tax forfeited property at 78 TENTH STREET EAST, UNIT P291 (PIN ID 31-29-22-43-1260).  
**Adopted**
- 53 [RLH TA 21-32](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 721 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. CRT2104, Assessment No. 218203)  
**Adopted**
- 54 [RLH FCO 21-21](#) Appeal of Michael Ortner, Representing Tenant Onnis Gonzalez-Buell, to a Correction Notice - Complaint Inspection at 1256 WILSON AVENUE, #110.  
**Adopted**
- 55 [RLH FCO 21-22](#) Appeal of Jess Nelson, Halverson & Blaiser Group Ltd., on behalf of Steve Minn to a Correction Notice - Complaint Inspection at 1256 WILSON AVENUE, #110.  
**Adopted**
- 56 [RLH AR 21-1](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during February 18 to August 13, 2020. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)  
**Adopted**
- 57 [RLH AR 21-2](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during September 2020. (File No. J2104B, Assessment No. 218103)  
**Adopted**

- 58 [RLH AR 21-3](#) Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services from August to September 2020 . (File No. J2102C, Assessment No. 212001)

**Adopted**

- 59 [RLH AR 21-4](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during July 16 to August 17, 2020. (File No. CRT2104, Assessment No. 218203)

**Adopted**

- 60 [RLH AR 21-5](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during July 23 to August 21, 2020. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303)

**Adopted**

- 61 [RLH AR 21-6](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during October 7 to 15, 2020. (File No. J2104P, Assessment No. 218403)

**Adopted**

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

- 36 [RLH TA 21-65](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1696 BOHLAND AVENUE. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)

**Adopted as amended (reduce assessment)**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 38 [RLH TA 21-2](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 101 COMO AVENUE. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803)

**Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)**

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

**Nay:** 0

- 40 [RLH TA 20-373](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1450 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J2011E, Assessment No. 208316) (Amend to reduce)

**Adopted as amended (reduce assessment)**

**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 Officer's recommendation was to continue the public hearings to the dates listed:**

**37**     [RLH TA 21-85](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 919 CLEAR AVENUE. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303) (Public hearing continued to July 14, 2021)

**Public hearing continued to July 14**

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

**Nay:** 0

**41**     [RLH TA 21-56](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1340 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2104E, Assessment No. 218303) (Public hearing continued to August 4, 2021)

**Public hearing continued to August 4**

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

**Nay:** 0

**42**     [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 March 8, 2021)

**Public hearing continued to March 10**

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

**Nay:** 0

**48**     [RLH TA 21-44](#)

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1802 ROSS AVENUE. (File No. VB2104, Assessment No. 218803) (Public hearing continued to May 5, 2021)

**Public hearing continued to May 5**

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

**50**     [RLH VO 21-6](#)

Amending Council File RLH VO 20-54, adopted December 9, 2020, to grant Ruby Nguyen to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate an additional extension for property at 777 SIXTH STREET EAST.

**Adopted as amended (egress windows have a compliance date of March 1, 2021; all other items have a compliance date of May 1, 2021)**

**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 5:58 p.m.**

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