



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

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, April 7, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 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

- 1 [CO 21-33](#) Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 21-13 and 21-14.

Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 21-15](#) Amending CDBG projects budget: funding for 1064 Bush Avenue and 535 Forest Street.

Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 21-16](#) Amending CDBG projects budget: funding for 1090-1092 Payne Avenue.

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

- 4 [RES 21-307](#) Authorizing the City to renew a lease agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for use of space on City property at 1450 Red Rock Road.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 21-450](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during October 5 to December 22, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 4, 2021 and City Council public hearing for June 16, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2108, Assessment No. 218811)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 21-451](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during January 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 4, 2021 and City Council public hearing for June 16, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2108B, Assessment No. 218108)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 21-452](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during December 21 to January 12, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 4, 2021 and City Council public hearing for June 16, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2108, Assessment No. 218208)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 21-453](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during November 23 to December 22, 2020, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 4, 2021 and City Council public hearing for June 16, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2108E, Assessment No. 218307)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 21-454](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during December 3 to January 6, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 4, 2021 and City Council public hearing for June 16, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2106P, Assessment No. 218408)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 21-455](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) service

during November 2019 at 306 Sidney St E, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 4, 2021 and City Council public hearing for June 16, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2003V1, Assessment No. 208006)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 21-458](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with MnDOT for the ownership and maintenance of a pipe and drainage structure along I-94 north of the Kellogg Boulevard bridge crossing.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 21-460](#) Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase a Water Revenue Note in an Aggregate Principal Amount of \$15,400,000; providing for the Issuance of the Water Revenue Note, Series 2021; and Authorizing Execution of a Project Loan Agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 21-419](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds up to \$250,000 from the Outdoor Recreation grant program and up to \$150,000 from the Local Trail Connections grant program, and to apply for grants to other agencies and groups as needed for any matching amounts required.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 21-468](#) Approving the agreement with Bird and Lime to provide e-scooter sharing services for the 2021 scooter season.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 21-429](#) Approving the Labor Agreement between the Independent School District 625 and the Minnesota School Employees Association representing Classified Confidential Employees Association (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2022). (Laid over from March 24)

Adopted

- 16 [RES 21-473](#) Establishing the rates of pay for the Animal Services Officer I-III series in EG 01, AFSCME, in Grades 028, 032, and 035, respectively. (Laid over from April 7)

Laid over to April 14

- 17 [RES 21-478](#) Authorizing the Department of Public Works to apply for the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services 2020 State Bond Fund Municipal Inflow and Infiltration Grant program.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 21-438](#) Authorizing the City to approve the amendment to allow Saint Paul Yacht Club to establish, maintain, and utilize dredging and sedimentation infrastructure at the Upper Harbor.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 21-486](#) Changing the rate of pay for Heavy Equipment Operator-Water and abolishing the classification of Revolving Power Equipment Operator. (Laid over from April 7)

Laid over to April 14

- 20 [RES 21-490](#) Authorizing the submission of the 2021-22 Consolidated Plan-Annual Action Plan (CDBG, ESG, HOME) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and execution of HUD agreements.

Adopted

- 21 [RES 21-492](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of a \$100 gift card to Cub Foods from an anonymous donor.

Adopted

- 22 [RES 21-493](#) Approving the 2021 Cultural Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Program Guidelines.

Adopted

- 23 [RES 21-529](#) Approving and authorizing a STAR loan restructure loan made to Community Dental Care ("Borrower").

Adopted

- 24 [RES 21-505](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for a new furnace and roof at 1494 Dale Street.

Adopted

- 25 [RES 21-412](#) Authorizing a Temporary License between the City of Saint Paul and Shidler/West Finance Partners V for the Police Department's use of vacant commercial space for police canine training activities.

Adopted

- 26 [RES 21-494](#) Authorizing the Police Department to partner with Aitkin County Sheriff's Office to donate its used personal protective gear (hereinafter referred to as "protective gear").

Adopted

- 27 [RES 21-495](#) Approving a Liquor On Sale-100 seats or less, Liquor On Sale-Sunday, Liquor On Sale-2 A.M. Closing, Entertainment (A), and Cigarette/Tobacco licenses with conditions to White Squirrel LLC, d/b/a The White Squirrel (License ID #20200001333), for the premises located at 974 Seventh Street West.

Adopted

- 28 [RES 21-497](#) Authorizing the exercise of Joint Powers with Ramsey County to carry out an Emergency Rental Assistance Tenant Application Program; approving program guidelines; and authorizing the execution of necessary agreements.

Adopted

- 29 [RES 21-506](#) Approving the Mayor's reappointments of Mitra Jalali and Rebecca Noecker to serve on The Family Housing Fund.

Adopted

- 30 [RES 21-543](#) Approving the Mayor's appointment of Rebecca Noecker to the Saint Paul Port Authority for a term ending on July 31, 2023.

Adopted

- 31 [RES 21-547](#) Reaffirming the City Council's regular meeting schedule during the Covid-19 pandemic emergency.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 32 [SR 21-52](#) American Rescue Plan presented by Congresswoman Betty McCollum.

Received and Filed

- 33 [SR 21-22](#) Update on Covid-19 vaccinations.

Received and Filed

- 34 [RES 21-540](#) Proclaiming April as the Melody Vang Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Saint Paul.

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 35 [RES 21-324](#) Approving a Lease Agreement between the City and the Board of Water Commissioners to lease a portion of Board-owned property at 750 Snelling Avenue South for use by the City's Parks and Recreation Department.

Laid over to April 21

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

Nay: 0

- 36 [APC 21-1](#) Public hearing to consider the appeal of Alatus Development LLC to a decision of the Planning Commission to deny a site plan for Lexington Station Apartments at 411-417 Lexington Parkway North. (Public hearing was closed on March 17)

Motion of intent - appeal denied

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert and Councilmember Noecker

ORDINANCES

An ordinance is a city law enacted by the City Council. It is read at three 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 second reading.

First Reading

- 37 [Ord 21-11](#) Granting the application of 1164 W 7th, LLC (previously Miley H R Separate Prop Trust) to rezone property at 1164 Seventh Street West from RT2 townhouse residential to RM2 multiple-family residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid over to April 14 for second reading/public hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 38 [RES PH 21-53](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$203,000 to reflect additional 2021 funding expected from Como Friends.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 39** [RES PH 21-62](#) Approving a Lease Agreement and parkland diversion for the City to lease a portion of City-owned property known as Pig's Eye Regional Park to the Board of Water Commissioners to use for soils recycling and storage.

Public hearing continued to April 21

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

Nay: 0

- 40** [RES PH 21-76](#) Authorizing the Police Department to accept and amend the 2021 special fund budget and adding an activity for the Speed and Aggressive Driving Enforcement grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 41** [RLH TA 21-146](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1193 and 1195 ARONA STREET. (File No. J2016A1, Assessment No. 208549)

Adopted

- 42** [RLH TA 21-175](#) Amending Council Files No. RLH AR 20-98 to delete the assessment for Property Clean Up March 16 to 30, 2020 at 559 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J2020A, Assessment No. 208535)

Adopted

- 43 [RLH TA 21-142](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 564 BLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J2111A, Assessment No. 218510)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH TA 20-335](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 956 BURR STREET. (File No. J2010B, Assessment No. 208109)
Adopted
- 45 [RLH TA 21-181](#) Amending Council Files No. RLH AR 20-98 to delete the assessment for Property Clean Up March 16 to 30, 2020 at 749 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. J2020A, Assessment No. 208535)
Adopted
- 46 [RLH SAO 21-21](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1216 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 21-17.
Adopted
- 49 [RLH OA 21-6](#) Appeal of Leo Domenichetti to a Summary Abatement Order plus a Department of Safety and Inspections letter requiring a code compliance inspection at 1145 FOURTH STREET EAST.
Adopted
- 50 [RLH TA 21-120](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 646 FULLER AVENUE. (File No. J2112A, Assessment No. 218511)
Adopted
- 51 [RLH TA 21-129](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 655 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2016A1, Assessment No. 208549)
Adopted
- 52 [RLH TA 21-143](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 853 JOHNSON PARKWAY. (File No. J2112A, Assessment No. 218511)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH VBR 21-14](#) Appeal of Tabatha Jackson to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1094 KENT STREET.
Adopted
- 55 [RLH AR 20-94](#) Ratifying the assessments for Towing of Abandoned Vehicle service during October 2019 at 814 MANOMIN AVENUE. (File No. J2004V, Assessment No. 208004)
Adopted

- 56 [RLH SAO 21-20](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2359 PEARL STREET in Council File RLH SAO 21-13.
Adopted
- 57 [RLH TA 21-118](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 105 ROSE AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2111A, Assessment No. 218510)
Adopted
- 58 [RLH TA 21-183](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 21-21 to spread payments in the assessment for Removal of Dangerous Tree(s) service during February 2020 at 1711 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE. (File No. 2101T, Assessment No. 219000)
Adopted
- 59 [RLH TA 21-114](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 930 SAINT PAUL AVENUE. (File No. J2112A, Assessment No. 218511)
Adopted
- 61 [RLH TA 21-184](#) Amending Council File RLH AR 20-97 to delete the assessment for Property Clean Up March 2 to 11, 2020 at 1743 SHERWOOD AVENUE. (File No. J2019A, Assessment No. 208534)
Adopted
- 62 [RLH SAO 21-22](#) Appeal of Caleb Santangelo to a Summary Abatement Order at 1646 TAYLOR AVENUE.
Adopted
- 63 [RLH VBR 21-15](#) Appeal of Callan Crawford, Stepping Stones Supportive Services, to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 1047 WAKEFIELD AVENUE.
Adopted
- 64 [RLH AR 20-93](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during February 2020. (File No. J2010B, Assessment No. 208109)
Adopted
- 65 [RLH AR 21-22](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during November 2 to 13, 2020. (File No. J2111A, Assessment No. 218510)
Adopted
- 66 [RLH AR 21-23](#) Ratifying the assessments for Property Clean Up services during November 13 to 30, 2020. (File No. J2112A, Assessment No. 218511)
Adopted

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

- 48** [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. (Amend to remove in 15 days)

Adopted as amended (grant 180 days)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

For the following items, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends continuing the public hearings to the dates listed:

- 47** [RLH TA 21-162](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 859 DESOTO STREET. (File No. J2019A1, Assessment No. 208550) (Continue public hearing to September 15, 2021)

Continue public hearing to September 15

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Brendmoen

- 53** [RLH TA 21-144](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 551 KENT STREET. (File No. J2111A, Assessment No. 218510) (Public hearing continued to September 8, 2021)

Public hearing continued to September 8

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 recommends referring to the Legislative Hearing of April 20, 2021:

60 [RLH VO 21-8](#) Appeal of Cynthia Johnstone to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice (which includes condemnation) and a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1352 SEVENTH STREET WEST.

Referred to the April 20 Legislative Hearing

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 6:34 p.m.

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