

City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd Floor
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Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

3:30 PM

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Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

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*

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 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

- 1** Mayor's Emergency Executive Orders 21-16, 21-17 and 21-18.
- Received and Filed**
- 2** Amending the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget to allocate funding for community projects to the appropriate departments, as recommended by the Capital Improvement Budget Committee.
- 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

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 3** Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean-Up services during February 1 to 11, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 18, 2021, and City Council public hearing for July 7, 2021, to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2117A, Assessment No. 218526)
- Adopted**
- 4** Authorizing the City of Saint Paul to apply to Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development Contamination Cleanup Grant funding for The Hollows (520 Payne Avenue), Farwell Yards (102 and 150 West Water Street and 75 Bidwell Street), and Wakan Tipi Center (Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary) projects
- Adopted**

- 5** Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply for the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities Demonstration Account Pre-Development grant fund for ReConnect Rondo and Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development Pre-Development grant fund for 990 Payne Avenue.
- Adopted**
- 6** Condemning the use of discriminatory covenants, discharging discriminatory covenants on city-owned property, and approving participation in the Just Deeds coalition.
- Adopted**
- 8** Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2021 Wage and Fringe Adjustment for the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, Local 633. (Laid over from April 21)
- Laid over to April 28**
- 9** Authorizing Mayor Carter's Office to submit a Bloomberg Mayor's Challenge Program Grant Proposal
- Adopted**

SUSPENSION ITEMS

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

Approving the appointment of Kristien Butler as Interim Director of the Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

FOR DISCUSSION

- 7** Establishing names for four new parks in the Highland Bridge development.
- Adopted**

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

Nay: 0

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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 May 19

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 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.

Final Adoption

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Amending Chapter 409 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the distance restriction between liquor license locations and to reduce the location radius for off-sale wine only license locations.

Failed

Yea: 3 - Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Noecker and Councilmember Prince

Nay: 4 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

First Reading

12

Granting the application of Verus Praedium Holding LLC to rezone the property at 1001 Reaney Avenue from RT1 two-family residential to RM1 low-density multi-family residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid Over to April 28 for second reading

13

Granting the application of L & N Black Properties LLC to rezone property at 554 Broadway St from I1 light industrial to B5 central business-service district and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid Over to April 28 for second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 14** Final Order approving the Seventh Place Mall operation and maintenance for 2020. (File No. 18428-21, Assessment No. 217200)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 15** Final Order approving the Grand/Snelling parking lot operation and maintenance costs for 2022. (File No. 18746-21, Assessment No. 217202)
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 16** Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to add Ramsey County funding for multiple traffic signal improvement projects.
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 17** 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 is continued to May 19**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 18** Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital and Operating Budgets for the 2021 Sidewalk Reconstruction Program, the 2021 Jefferson/St Paul Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project

and the 2021 Griggs/Scheffer Phase II Project.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

19

Approving the application of Awaken Covenant Community for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2021, at 1200 Montreal Avenue, Highland Park Pavilion.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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Approving the application of the University of St. Thomas for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on May 16, 22, and 23, 2021, at O'Shaughnessy Stadium, 2115 Summit Avenue.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

21

Approving and authorizing acceptance of Livable Communities Fund grants from the Metropolitan Council and amending the 2021 Budget

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

22

Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement for HOURCAR to operate a Shared Electric Vehicle Fleet ("Evie").

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

23

Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the City of Minneapolis outlining each City's commitments and responsibilities related to the EV Spot Network and Evie Carshare Service ("Evie").

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

24

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 28 for final adoption

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

Nay: 0

25

Granting the application of Hovda Properties LLC to rezone property at 1219 Saint Clair Avenue from B1 local business to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Laid over to April 28 for final adoption

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Prince

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS

The Legislative 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

Appeal of Sheri Galindo to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1082 EUCLID STREET.

Adopted

- 29 Appeal of Kristin Holmes, Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, on behalf of Tricia LaMotte, to a Correction Notice-Complaint Inspection (which includes condemnation) at 281 FIFTH STREET EAST, UNIT 103.

Adopted

- 30 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1877 GRAND AVENUE. (File No. J2009B1, Assessment No. 208119)

Adopted

- 32 Appeal of Melanie Vang to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 963 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 34 Appeal of David Meyer to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 359 MICHIGAN STREET.

Adopted

- 36 Appeal of James Sazevich to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 454 SMITH AVENUE NORTH.

Adopted

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

- 33 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 661 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2110A, Assessment No. 218509)

Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)

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

Nay: 0

- 35 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 818 SHERBURNE AVENUE. (File No. J2110A, Assessment No. 218509) (Amend to File No. J2110A2, Assessment No. 218333)

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 item, the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendation is to continue the Public Hearing to October 13:

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Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1323 BARCLAY STREET (1327 BARCLAY STREET-ARCHIVED). (File No. J2105E, Assessment No. 218304) (Continue public hearing to October 13, 2021)

Continue Public Hearing to October 13

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 to refer to Legislative Hearing to the dates listed:

27

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 318 EDMUND AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the April 21, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Referred to the May 11 Legislative Hearings

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

Nay: 0

31

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 936 JEFFERSON AVENUE. (File No. J2106E, Assessment No. 218305) (Refer to Legislative Hearing October 5, 2021)

Referred to the October 5 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 5:06 p.m.

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