

City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 26, 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

Meeting called to order at 3:31 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** Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1484 University Avenue West a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Received and Filed

- 2** Amending the 2021 spending budget within the Department of Public Works Administration Fund Office Administration Accounting Unit.

Received and Filed

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 Saint Paul City Council meeting minutes of February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 2021.

Adopted

- 4** Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for a Parking Ramp (Private) license for Grand Finn Alley Apts LLC (License ID # 20210000217), d/b/a same, located at 2140 Grand Avenue.

Adopted

- 5** Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2021 Wage and Fringe Adjustment for the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters. (laid over from May 26)

Laid over to June 2

- 6** Approving an Auto Repair Garage with conditions to Ayari LLC d/b/a Auto Max (License ID #20210000124) for the premises located at 555 University Avenue West.

Adopted

- 7 Approving the application with conditions, per the Deputy Legislative Hearing Officer, for Rift Valley Auto Services Inc., d/b/a Rift Valley Transportation (License ID # 20200000655), located 45 Empire Drive, to add an Auto Body Repair/Painting Shop license to the existing Auto Repair Garage license to allow the repair of vehicles owned by the general public.

Adopted

- 8 Waiving the 45-day notice requirement to issue a Wine On Sale, Malt On Sale (Strong), and Liquor Outdoor Service Area (Patio) Licenses with conditions to Bole Ethiopian Cuisine LLC d/b/a Bole Ethiopian Cuisine (License ID #20210000577) for the premises located at 1341 Pascal Street.

Adopted

- 9 Approval of a Liquor Off Sale and Cigarette/Tobacco license to Arcade Wine & Spirits LLC (License ID #20210000282) for the premises located at 1100 Arcade Street.

Adopted

- 10 Authorizing the City's acceptance of property owned by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for use as an overflow parking lot for the Richard H. Rowan Public Safety Training Center.

Adopted

- 11 Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the construction of traffic signal controls on Trunk Highway 156 (Concord Street) at the Trunk Highway 52 ramps.

Adopted

- 12 Changing the rate of pay for the Meter Operations Supervisor classification. (laid over from May 19)

Adopted

- 13 Approving the City's cost of providing Replacement of Lead Water Service Line on Private Properties during January to March 2021, and setting date of City Council public hearing for July 7, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2102LDSRP, Assessment No. 214002)

Adopted

- 14 Approving the City's cost of providing Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on Private

Properties during January to March 2021, and setting date of City Council public hearing for July 7, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. SWRP2102, Assessment No. 213002)

Adopted

- 15** Approving a liquor service area expansion and upgrade to a Liquor On Sale - 291 or more seats license added to existing Liquor On-Sale-Sunday, Entertainment (A) and Gambling Location licenses held by Amazed Group, LLC d/b/a Cups & Cheers (License ID #20190001176) located at 1624 & 1626 White Bear Avenue North.

Adopted

- 16** Authorizing the City enter into an agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) for the Randolph Bridge Project.

Adopted

- 17** Approval of a Liquor On Sale-291 or more seats, a Liquor On Sale-Sunday and an Entertainment (A) license for Lucky Mee Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a King Thai (License ID #20210000342) located at 225 University Avenue West.

Adopted

- 18** Approving the Labor Agreement (January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022) between the City of Saint Paul and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 70. (laid over from May 19)

Adopted

- 19** Reciting a proposal for a Housing Finance Program for a multifamily rental housing development, approving the project and the program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 462C, authorizing the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to issue conduit multifamily housing revenue obligations and authorizing the preparation of necessary documents and materials in connection with said project and program for the PHS Highland Park Project, located at 822 Woodlawn Avenue, 820 Mount Curve Boulevard and 825 Mount Curve Boulevard (District 15, Ward 3).

Adopted

- 20** Approving an agreement with the City of Falcon Heights for maintenance of street lighting.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 21 Authorizing the Ramsey County Housing & Redevelopment Authority to exercise its powers within the City's Housing and Redevelopment Authority area of operation at the same time the City exercises the same powers.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 22 American Rescue Plan update and report from the Administration.

Received and Filed

- 23 Clarifying the City Council's sole authority to review appeals from the Zoning Code.

Withdrawn

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

- 24 Granting the application of Ali Alfureedy to rezone property at 444 Maryland Ave W from B1 local business district to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map. (laid over from May 26 for second reading)

Laid over to June 2 for Second reading

- 25 Granting the application of Stonewood Investments LLC rezone property at 300 Banfil Street/149-155 Dousman Street Rezone from B2 community business to RM2 medium-density multiple-family residential and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map. (laid over from May 26 for second reading)

Laid over to June 2 for Second reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 26 Approving the application of Dual Citizen Brewing for a sound level variance in

order to present live amplified sound on June 12, 2021 at 725 Raymond Ave.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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Amending the City budget to accept \$83,320,812 in federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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Granting the application of IO Investments LLC to rezone property at 1053 Dale Street North from R4 one-family residential to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map. (continued from May 19.)

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

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Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 604 ASBURY STREET. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)

Adopted

- 32** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1231 BARCLAY STREET. (File No. CG2101A3, Assessment No. 210102)
Adopted
- 33** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1957 BERKELEY AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)
Adopted
- 34** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1672 CONWAY STREET. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)
Adopted
- 35** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 818 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)
Adopted
- 37** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1078 ENGLEWOOD AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
Adopted
- 38** Amending Council File RLH VO 21-11, adopted April 21, 2021, to grant Sheri Galindo an additional extension for property at 1082 EUCLID STREET.
Adopted
- 39** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1282 HAGUE AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A1, Assessment No. 210100)
Adopted
- 40** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 571 HALL AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A1, Assessment No. 210100)
Adopted
- 41** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1856 HIGHLAND PARKWAY. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)
Adopted
- 43** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1247 JESSIE STREET. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)
Adopted
- 44** Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1180 LANE PLACE. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
Adopted

- 45 Appeal of Andrew Songle to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 784 LAUREL AVENUE.
Adopted
- 46 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 876 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
Adopted
- 47 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 820 LEXINGTON PARKWAY SOUTH. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)
Adopted
- 48 Appeal of Rory Wakemup to a Summary Abatement Order at 781 MANOMIN AVENUE.
Adopted
- 49 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 755 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)
Adopted
- 50 Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 174 PAGE STREET WEST in Council File RLH RR 20-56.
Adopted
- 51 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 575 PARK STREET within one hundred and eighty (180) days after the May 26, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.
Adopted
- 52 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 595 PARK STREET within one-hundred and eighty (180) days after the May 26, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.
Adopted
- 53 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1360 POINT DOUGLAS ROAD SOUTH. (File No. CG2101A3, Assessment No. 210102)
Adopted
- 54 Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 2022 STILLWATER AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-3.

Adopted

- 55 Appeal of Paris Getty to a Summary Abatement Order at 855 THIRD STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 56 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1541 WEST MINNEHAHA AVENUE. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)

Adopted

- 57 Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1143 WOODBRIDGE STREET in Council File RLH RR 21-8.

Adopted

- 58 Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 445 WYOMING STREET EAST. (File No. CG2101A1, Assessment No. 210100)

Adopted

- 59 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A1, Assessment No. 210100)

Adopted

- 60 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)

Adopted

- 61 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A3, Assessment No. 210102)

Adopted

- 62 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A4, Assessment No. 210103)

Adopted

- 63 Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A5, Assessment No. 210104)

Adopted

- 64** Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A6, Assessment No. 210105)

Adopted

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

- 31** Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 143 BAKER STREET WEST. (File No. CG2004A1, Assessment No. 200163) (Amend to CG2004A1-1, Assessment No. 200169)

Adopted as amended (ratify 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 is to refer to Legislative Hearing to the dates listed:

- 30** Appeal of Graham Butler to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 702 AURORA AVENUE. (To refer back to July 6, 2021 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to July 6 Legislative Hearing

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

Nay: 0

- 42** Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 975 HUDSON ROAD within fifteen (15) days after the May 26, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Referred to June 15 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 is contested and additional testimony from the appellant is in the record:

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Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 2233 ENERGY PARK DRIVE in Council File RLH SAO 20-24. (continued from May 26)

Continue Council Public Hearing June 2, 2021

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

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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