

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, September 8, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

Please see the meeting guidelines due to the COVID-19 health pandemic emergency.

ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 3:32 p.m.

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Dai Thao,
Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Jane L. Prince,
Councilmember Mitra Jalali and Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Absent 1 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

1 CO 21-67

Letters from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 701 Hazel Street North, 1515 Marshall Avenue, 1519 Marshall Avenue, and 1525 Marshall Avenue nuisance properties. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)

Received and Filed

2 AO 21-40

Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its 2021 Special Fund operating budget to reflect expenditures more accurately.

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

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval. 6 in favor, none opposed Consent Agenda is adopted

A motion was made by Councilmember Thao to Approve the Consent Agenda

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

3 RES 21-1202

Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during November 19, 2020 to May 20, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 5, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 19, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2202, Assessment No. 228801)

Adopted

4 RES 21-1203

Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during June 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 5, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 19, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2202B, Assessment No. 228101)

Adopted

5 RES 21-1204

Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during May 21 to June 18, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 5, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 19, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2202, Assessment No. 228201)

Adopted

6 RES 21-1205

Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during April 23 to May 21, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 5, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 19, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2202E, Assessment No. 228301)

Adopted

7 RES 21-1206

Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during June 16 to July 27, 2021, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for October 5, 2021 and City Council public hearing for January 19, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2202P, Assessment No. 228401)

Adopted

8 RES 21-1268

Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during April to June 2021, and setting date of Legislative hearing for October 7, 2021 and City Council public hearing for November 17, 2021 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2103A1, Assessment No. 210110)

		Adopted
9	RES 21-1279	Approving a request by Jakob Paul Crouch, d/b/a Firehouse Towing & Transport (License ID #20210000190) at 7500 Hudson Boulevard in the City of Oakdale, for an impound lot located outside the limits of the City of Saint Paul.
		Adopted
10	RES 21-1292	Authorizing the City to enter into Subordinate Funding Agreement #5 to the Master Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Council for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit Project.
		Adopted
11	RES 21-1300	Accepting a donation of professional services from Natural Resources Defense Council and Bloomberg Philanthropies.
		Adopted
12	RES 21-1301	Pursuing a Joint Shared Mobility RFP with the City of Minneapolis.
		Adopted
13	RES 21-1303	Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 7 neighborhood STAR year-round program for the G. W. Carver Cultural Center for Innovation. Adopted

SUSPENSION ITEM

RES 21-1306

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Councilmember Tolbert moved suspension of the rules. 6 in favor, none opposed

Recognizing Constitution Week, September 17 through 23, 2021.

Rules are suspended

Rules suspended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert,

Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Adopted

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

Staff report from the administration regarding the police budget.

Jaime Tincher, Deputy Mayor, and John McCarthy, Office of Financial Services, Director, gave a presentation to the Council.

Received and Filed

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

15 Ord 21-34

Creating Chapter 441 of the Legislative Code (Title XXI) pertaining to electric vehicle charging rates at city-owned charging stations.

Council President Brendmoen said this is first reading.

Samantha Henningson gave a staff report. (She had a Powerpoint presentation.) This is one of the last items to come before the Council as they set the groundwork for the Evie network. This recommends the price that customers will pay at the charging network. Their priority principles and considerations are as follows: 1) cover operating costs, 2) incentivize EV [electric vehicle] use by maintaining affordable charging rates, 3) maintain competitive rates with nearby chargers, 4) establish a fair rate structure across different types of electric vehicles, 5) encourage home charging where possible, 6) incentivize turnover of EV charging spaces, 7) ensure east of understanding.

Henningson continued: their recommendations do the following: 1) base rates on electricity usage since EV charging times vary across different vehicle models, 2) overnight discount of 2.5 cents to align with Xcel's overnight pricing, 3) per session connection fee to recover fixed costs with a higher connection fee for fast chargers which have higher fixed costs, 4) institute a dwell time penalty for those drivers who overstay posted sign limits, 5) exempt companies utilizing City-leased vehicles for carshare from the dwell time penalties and provide 20% discount on connection fees in order to ensure long-term viability of publicly supported carshare.

Henningson continued: the ordinance language includes the price to consumer and revenue to City per transaction. She showed several screens: other public chargers prices, comparing the other chargers, the average retail fuel prices, EV sales projections. She spoke of the operating costs they look to recover, which include \$30 per EV spot, monthly electricity demand charges, annual networking fees, annual maintenance, electricity per kWh. They have used the best educated guesses. She thanked several organizations and people.

Councilmember Brendmoen asked how much it costs for an average electric car user to charge one time. Henningson said it depends on the charger. The industry is new. As long as you are plugged into the network, you only pay until you are charged up. There will be time limits on the parking spots during the day to encourage turnover.

Councilmember Jalali expressed appreciation. A ton of work went into this. They are making sure they meet a strongly held priority, which is serving communities and residents who experience historical disinvestment who are disfranchised by less transit access, economic inequity, lower wagers, and things that make it harder to participate in single family car ownership. This will be accessible to all our residents and this is a supplement and not a replacement for transit. She remembers the early stages of developing these initiatives. Seeing it come to life are profound. It is a program that they are hearing about as it advances. They are working on soft launches, charging

locations, etc. She is excited to use this program. It is going to change her life and that is true for a lot of families.

Councilmember Yang said she would like to express her support and excitement for this. She sees that there will be stations available on the East Side. At one point, they were talking about thresholds to make sure the cars are accessible to families that struggle. How do people quality for those rates? Henningson responded she will follow-up with where Hour Car falls on the rate plans.

Brendmoen said this is an ordinance. The public hearing is next week, and they will vote on September 22.

Laid over to September 15 for second reading public hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS

16 RES PH 21-226

Approving the application of Allianz Field for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound for the Small Sums Luncheon Fundraiser in Lot C Parking outside of Allianz Field on September 23, 2021 - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve 6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

17 RES PH 21-227

Approving the application of Big River Pizza for a sound level variance in order to present amplified music for Let There Be Songs to Phil the Air on October 1st, 2021 at the St. Paul Farmers Market.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

18 RES PH 21-229

Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound on September 25, 2021 at

Upper Landing Park - 180 Shepard Rd.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing is closed and resolution is adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

19 RES PH 21-230

Approving the application of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on September 19, 2021 at 1199 Midway Parkway.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held online.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

20 RES PH 21-241

Approving the application of Allianz Field for a sound level variance in order to present live amplified sound for the Washburn Games outside of Allianz Field on September 26, 2021 at 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held online.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

21 RES PH 21-231

Authorizing the Police Department to accept and amend the 2021 budget and activity for these donations of \$45,000 from the Grotto Foundation and \$8,000.00 from the GALA Giving Fundraiser for the LECPA program via the Saint Paul Police Foundation.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held online.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

22 RES PH 21-235

Authorizing the City to accept a \$308,000 grant from the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation for the People's Prosperity Pilot, and amending the 2021 budget for the Office of Financial Empowerment.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually, but they have a staff update.

Muneer Karcher Ramos, Office of Financial Empowerment Director, appeared. His presentation is on the next item.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and approve.

Councilmember Prince asked is this additional support that extends the length of the pilot. The Council passed an ordinance to create it. Are we extending the time frame? Ramos responded this is the funding to complete the program as they have outlined with the 10 payments to the families. It is not extending it.

6 in favor none opposed Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

23 RES PH 21-236

Authorizing the Office of Financial Empowerment to accept a \$350,000 grant from the Saint Paul Foundation to support program operations for CollegeBound Saint Paul, and amending the 2021 budget for the Office of Financial Empowerment.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Muneer Karcher Ramos pulled up slides. He gave an update and gave PowerPoint presentation. This is timely as they are accepting additional dollars from their funders. He will start with a refresher. College Bound Saint Paul launched January 1, 2020. As you open an account, you gross savings, you attend college/training, and then you graduate. This is any type of post secondary training: certificates, trade school, community college, 4 year college. Children who have between \$1 and \$499 in a

college savings account, they are 3 times more likely to go to college, and 4 times more likely to graduate. It is about beginning the early conversations between children and parents. Research backs it up. They have a number of impacts: increases college attendance and graduation, boosts parents expectations, improves social-emotional development, improves maternal mental health, builds a college-going identity. The design orbits around 3 areas: equity, supporting college-going identity and building savings for the future, administrative ease for long-term sustainability. They are starting at birth. They are the first city to start at birth. They have a 50 member task force for CollegeBound Saint Paul. CollegeBround is a universal college savings program starting at birth. These are babies born on or after January 1, 2020. This is a \$50 seed deposit to launch those accounts. They can grow the account through milestones: savings portal bonus, equity bonus, child wellness bonus, financial health bonus, first birthday bonus, program survey bonus.

The program is being evaluated by Dr. Elliott from the University of Michigan. By the end of June, 4,565 babies and toddlers are enrolled in the program. The average size of those accounts are \$119. The most saved is \$1,530. The CollegeBound Saint Paul babies, toddlers, families live in every ward and every corner of Saint Paul. There are a whole network of community partners. They have 25 ambassadors who are engaging with families. They ask people to pre-register before the baby is born, but people can register after the baby is born. (He gave some real life examples.) The Mayor asks everyone he sees with kids if they have enrolled in CollegeBound.

Brendmoen said that was a wonderful update.

Councilmember Thao moved to close the public hearing and approval. 6 in favor, none opposed Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

24 RES PH 21-237

Amending the City's Operating Budget to reflect the final details resulting from the issuance of the Sewer Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2021F.

Council President Brendmoen said this is final details. The public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Yang moved to close the public hearing and approve. Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

25 RES PH 21-238 Amending the 2021 CDBG general ledger budget to reflect the actual 2021

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grant award of \$6,969,838, program income reported to HUD of \$731,379, and amend the CDBG project budget to include 2021 CDBG spending plan of \$7,600,000.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

26 RES PH 21-248

Amending the Public Works grant budget for a local match contribution of \$350,000 from partner subgrantee City of Minneapolis.

Council President Brendmoen said the public hearing was held virtually.

Councilmember Jalali moved to close the public hearing and approve.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert,

Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

27 RES PH 21-245

Approving the Final (combined) Plat for Highland Bridge 3rd Addition Rowhomes.

Council President Brendmoen said there is a Version 2 in Legistar.

Councilmember Tolbert moved to close the public hearing and approve Version 2, an addition on the plan.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearing closed and resolution adopted

Adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

LEGISLATIVE HEARING ITEMS:

Councilmember Thao moved adoption.

6 in favor, none opposed

Public hearings closed and resolutions adopted

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

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert,

Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

28 RLH CO 21-6 Appeal of John Knowles to a Correction Notice at 447 BRIMHALL STREET.

Adopted

32 RLH VBR 21-55 Appeal of Stephanie Powers to a Vacant Building Registration Fee at 914 COOK AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

33 RLH VBR 21-54 Appeal of Bonnie Barlage to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 679 COTTAGE AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

34 RLH VO 21-35 Appeal of Carolyn Brown, Community Stabilization Project on behalf of Shai Leibovich dba BPH 1 LLC, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 936 DUCHESS STREET.

Adopted

35 RLH TA 21-373 Amending Council File RLH AR 21-68 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021 at 520 FAIRVIEW AVENUE SOUTH. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)

Adopted

36 RLH VO 21-39 Amending Council File RLH VO 21-28, adopted on July 14, 2021, to grant Zaw Wai an additional extension for property at 933 FIFTH STREET EAST.

Adopted

38 RLH TA 21-371 Amending Council File RLH AR 21-70 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021 at 1037 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. (File No. CG2102A3, Assessment No. 210108)

Adopted

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39	RLH TA 21-384	Amending Council File Nos. RL AR 21-65 & RLH TA 21-292 to delete the assessment for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during February 15 to March 22, 2021 at 15 KELLOGG BOULEVARD WEST. (File No.CRT2110, Assessment No. 218210)
		Adopted
41	RLH VO 21-37	Appeal of Kenneth Ostlie to a Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 402 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST.
		Adopted
42	RLH TA 21-385	Amending Council File RLH AR 21-68 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021 at 215 OTIS AVENUE, UNIT B. (File No. CG2102A1, Assessment No. 210106)
		Adopted
43	RLH FCO 21-133	Appeal of Michael J. Ricci to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint at 1118 PACIFIC STREET.
		Adopted
45	RLH RR 21-56	Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1313 SEMINARY AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 20-53.
		Adopted
47	RLH TA 21-372	Amending Council File RLH AR 21-71 to delete the assessment for Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during January to March 2021 at 754 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. CG2102A4, Assessment No. 210109) Adopted
		Councilmember Thao moved to amend and adopt. 6 in favor, none opposed
		Public hearings closed and resolutions adopted as amended
		For the following items, no objection to the Legislative Hearing Officer's amended recommendation was received and, therefore, she recommends amendment and adoption:
29	RLH TA 21-122	Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 899 BURR STREET. (File No. J2110A, Assessment No. 218509) (Public hearing continued to September 8, 2021)
		Adopted as amended (reduce assessment)
		Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert,

Nay: 0

Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

30 RLH RR 21-37

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1253 CLEVELAND AVENUE NORTH within fifteen (15) days after the June 9, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted as amended (grant 180 day extension)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

31 RLH RR 21-38

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 2062 COMO AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the June 9, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)

Adopted as amended (remove within 15 days)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

37 RLH TA 21-102

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1314 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. J2106A3, Assessment No. 218525) (Public hearing continued to September 8, 2021)

Adopted as amended (reduce assessment)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

40 RLH TA 21-99

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 876 MARGARET STREET. (File No. J2015A, Assessment No. 208515) (Public hearing continued to September 8, 2021)

Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

44 RLH RR 21-39

Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 2075

SCUDDER STREET within fifteen (15) days after the June 9, 2021, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted as amended (grant 180 day extension)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

46 RLH TA 21-144

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 551 KENT STREET. (File No. J2111A1, Assessment No. 218537) (Public hearing continued to September 8, 2021)

Adopted as amended (ratify assessment)

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

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