



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 20, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting began at 3:31 pm

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 [AO 22-18](#) Establishing three new projects through the Year-Round STAR Program as adopted via City Council Resolutions # RES 22-261, #RES 22-378 and #RES 22-382.

Received and Filed

- 2 [AO 22-19](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: funding for HUD program year 2021 window replacement program.

Received and Filed

- 3 [AO 22-20](#) Amending the ARP Tourism Recovery Support Program budget to allocate funds for administrative costs.

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.

Consent agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 22-394](#) Authorizing the City to enter into Master Partnership Contract No.1050212 with the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Adopted

- 5 [RES 22-451](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during February 1 to 14, 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 17, 2022 and City Council public hearing for June 22, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2222A, Assessment No. 228524)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 22-452](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean Up services during February 14 to 28, 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 17, 2022 and City Council public hearing for June 22, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2223A, Assessment No. 228525)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 22-453](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Equipment and Labor for Clean up services during January 2022, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 17, 2022 and City Council public hearing for June 22, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2224A, Assessment No. 228526)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 22-454](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Tree Trimming service during December 2021 at 1805 St Clair Ave, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for May 17, 2022 and City Council public hearing for June 22, 2022 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2225A, Assessment No. 228527)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 22-520](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from National League of Cities for Bekah Hanes to attend the Children and Nature Network (CNN) Inside Out International Conference and the Cities Connecting Children to Nature (CCCN) All-Site Meeting in Atlanta, GA from May 9-12, 2022.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 22-549](#) Establishing the rate of pay for Housing Team Supervisor.

Laid over to April 27, 2022 for adoption

- 11 [RES 22-550](#) Authorizing the Department of Emergency Management to execute a grant contract amendment for a timeline extension with the State of Minnesota for the 2019 Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) grant.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 22-581](#) Removing license condition #4 from the Gas Station and Cigarette/Tobacco license held by Embabi & Sons LLC, d/b/a West 7th Street Marathon (License ID #20210002140), for the premises located at 675 Seventh Street West.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 13 [RES 22-609](#) Recognizing Chris Rider's career with the City of Saint Paul and congratulating her on retirement.

Councilmember Tolbert read from the resolution and congratulated Chris Rider on her retirement.

Mayor Melvin Carter congratulated Rider.

Former Mayor Chris Coleman congratulated Rider.

Carter presented Rider with a proclamation of congratulations.

Councilmember Prince congratulated Rider.

Councilmember Yang congratulated Rider.

Councilmember Noecker congratulated Rider.

Councilmember Jalali congratulated Rider.

Councilmember Thao congratulated Rider.

Council President Brendmoen congratulated Rider.

Rider thanked councilmembers, Mayor Carter, Former Mayor Coleman, family, and friends for their support.

Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

SUSPENSION ITEMS

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

[SR 22-74](#)

Saint Paul Police Department Update on Event Security Costs

Stacy Murphy, Deputy Police Chief, gave a staff report.

Council President Brendmoen spoke to concerns regarding security costs.

Councilmember Tolbert spoke to concerns regarding security costs.

Councilmember Jalali spoke to concerns regarding security costs and related economic development.

Councilmember Yang spoke to concerns regarding security costs and asked about potential causes of cost increases.

Murphy addressed Yang's question.

Brendmoen spoke to economic development concerns.

Yang asked about other options for event safety.

Murphy said decisions are made on an event-by-event basis.

Councilmember Prince spoke to concerns regarding security costs.

Councilmember Thao spoke to concerns regarding security costs.

Brendmoen thanked Murphy for her testimony.

Received and filed

SUSPENSION ITEMS

Rules suspended

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

Nay: 0

[RES 22-649](#)

Establishing Sunday, April 24th, 2022 as Zahoua Xiong and See Yang Day in

Saint Paul.

Council President Brendmoen moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

FOR DISCUSSION

- 14** [RES PH 22-47](#) Ratifying the assessment for the 2021 Street Maintenance Service Program-Sealcoating Street and/or Alley. (File No. 215600, Assessment No. 215600) (Public hearing closed April 13, 2022.)

Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works, gave a staff report.

Council President Brendmoen moved approval.

Adopted

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

- 15** [Ord 22-17](#) Granting the application of Nimco Ltd. to rezone property at 597 Seventh Street East from I1 light industrial to T2 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Prince moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to April 27, 2022

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

Nay: 0

First Reading

- 16 [Ord 22-18](#) Amending Section 160.04 of the Legislative Code to add Juneteenth to parking meter holidays.

Laid over to April 27, 2022 for second reading and public hearing

PUBLIC HEARINGS

See below for ways to testify.

- 17 [RES PH 22-24](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget to close out 2014 projects with 880 bond funding.

Councilmember Thao moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 18 [RES PH 22-89](#) Approving the application of University of Saint Thomas for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 21-22, 2022 at 2115 Summit Avenue - O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 19 [RES PH 22-90](#) Approving the application of Podium Sports Marketing for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 1, 2022 at Upper Landing Park.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 20 [RES PH 22-91](#) Approving the application of Anderson Race Management for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 21, 2022 at 200 Dr Justus

Ohage Blvd - Harriet Island Regional Park/Kelley's Landing.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

21 [RES PH 22-97](#)

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$10,922.36 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) team reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Council President Brendmoen moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

22 [AHPC 22-1](#)

Public hearing to consider the appeal of George and Sharon Pfeifer to a Heritage Preservation Commission decision at 525 Holly Avenue in the Historic Hill Heritage District.

George Gause from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) gave a staff report.

Councilmember Prince asked about shifting the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) away from the neighboring yard.

Gause addressed Prince's question.

Council President Brendmoen reminded councilmembers and speakers to confine their comments to ways in which they think HPC either made an error or was correct.

Councilmember Thao asked to view the design of the ADU.

Gause showed the design photos.

Sharon Pfeifer, appellant, spoke during the public hearing.

Brendmoen asked Gause if any concerns listed by Pfeifer were related to errors by the HPC.

Gause addressed Prince's question.

Zindziswa McCormick and Timothy Drinan, owners of 525 Holly Avenue, spoke during the public hearing.

Prince asked the owners if there was any flexibility for shifting the AGU away from the property line.

McCormick addressed Prince's question.

Thao stated that while he appreciated the appellants' concerns, he could not find evidence that the HPC erred. He then moved to deny the appeal.

Motion of intent, appeal denied

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

Nay: 0

23 [APC 22-1](#)

Public hearing to consider the appeal of Dayton's Bluff District Council to a decision of the Planning Commission approving a reestablishment of nonconforming use for Elite Auto Sales LLC at 847 Hudson Road. (Public hearing closed April 20, 2022.)

Bill Dermody, City Planner, gave a staff report.

Carrie Motarjemi, owner of 847 Hudson Road, spoke during the public hearing.

Chuck Hanna, representing the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, spoke during the public hearing.

Samuel Solsrud-Beckman spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Jalali asked Dermody about potential interference with the Gold Line Project.

Dermody said that he was not aware of any conflict.

Councilmember Prince raised concerns about this not being a pedestrian-oriented use.

Dermody addressed Prince's concern.

Noecker asked if the existing structure would be used.

Dermody said it would be used.

Council President Brendmoen asked how long Motarjemi had owned the property.

Dermody said sometime in 2019.

Jalali appreciated Dermody's clarification about pedestrian-oriented use.

Prince stated that she believed the Planning Commission erred and explained her rationale.

Jalali asked if there was staff recommendation.

Dermody stated that staff had recommended denial during the Planning Commission hearing, though the Planning Commission disagreed.

Councilmember Tolbert asked what the error might be.

Prince argued that findings 3 and 4 were not met.

Noecker echoed Prince's concerns.

Brendmoen asked for a layover to consider the facts further.

Jalali spoke in support of a layover.

Brendmoen moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Public hearing closed, Laid over to April 27, 2022

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda will receive a combined public hearing and be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing and discussion if desired.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Legislative hearing consent agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [RLH VBR 22-20](#) Appeal of Jay Mitchell to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 16 ACKER STREET WEST.

Adopted

- 25** [RLH SAO 22-8](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1059 BURGESS STREET in Council File RLH SAO 22-6. (Legislative Hearing on April 19, 2022)

Amended, public hearing continued to April 27, 2022

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RLH RR 21-68](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 939 CHARLES AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 22, 2021, City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing continued from March 8, 2022)
- Referred to May 10, 2022 legislative hearing**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Tolbert, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Yang
- Nay:** 0
- 27** [RLH TA 22-142](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 22-19 to delete the assessment for Property Clean Up services during November 1 to 10, 2021 at 1237 CONWAY STREET. (File No. J2214A, Assessment No. 228513)
- Adopted**
- 28** [RLH VBR 22-17](#) Appeal of Lucy Iburg to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 106 DOUGLAS STREET.
- Adopted**
- 29** [RLH RR 22-17](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 698 DESOTO STREET in Council File RLH RR 21-58.
- Adopted**
- 30** [RLH FCO 22-27](#) Appeal of Barry W. Kostyk to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 351 HOPE STREET.
- Adopted**
- 31** [RLH TA 22-32](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1802 ROSS AVENUE. (File No. VB2205, Assessment No. 228804)
- Adopted as amended (assessment ratified)**
- 32** [RLH VBR 22-19](#) Appeal of Jay Mitchell to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 743 THIRD STREET EAST.
- Adopted**
- 33** [RLH RR 22-6](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1004 THOMAS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 21-42. (Nuisance is abated)
- Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:32 pm

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