



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Council President Mitra Jalali
Vice President HwaJeong Kim
Councilmember Anika Bowie
Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
Councilmember Saura Jost
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

- Present** 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson
- Absent** 1 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-39](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its Community Law Enforcement Career Initiative (LECPA) Grant budget to more accurately record expenditures meeting capital criteria.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-44](#) Authorizing the Police Department to update the reallocation to its MN DPS 2022 SHSP Bomb Grant budget to more accurately record expenditures meeting capital criteria.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-45](#) Amending the 2024 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Electric Vehicle Maintenance accounting unit.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 24-46](#) Amending the 2024 General Fund budget for the Office of Technology and Communications.
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: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 5 [RES 24-665](#) Approving a petition from Linda Sackreiter, Congregational President of Grace English Evangelical Lutheran Church, for specially assessing the costs of a fire protection system at 1730 Old Hudson Road (Project No. FP2024-01, Assessment No. 247100).
Adopted
- 6 [RES 24-685](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 2 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for Abyssinia General Trading, LLC.
Adopted
- 7 [RES 24-692](#) Preliminary Order setting the date of Public Hearing for June 26, 2024 to consider approval of the 2024 Mill and Overlay Program.
Adopted
- 8 [RES 24-699](#) Ratifying the assessments for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on private property at 297 Syndicate Street South. (File No. SWRP2401A, Assessment No. 243002)
Adopted
- 9 [RES 24-700](#) Ratifying the assessments for Repair of Sanitary Sewer Line on private property at 1024 Reaney Avenue. (File No. SWRP2401B, Assessment No. 243003)
Adopted
- 10 [RES 24-706](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to accept the gift of travel expenses, lodging, and meals from the U.S. Department of Labor for Nardos Tesfalidet to attend the Youth Systems Building Academy convening in Washington D.C. from May 20 to May 23, 2024.
Adopted
- 11 [RES 24-708](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals for 2024 National Forensics Sciences Improvement Grants, issued by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).
Adopted
- 12 [RES 24-737](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from Welcoming America for Assistant

City Attorney, Edmundo D. Lijo to attend the Welcoming Interactive in Dallas, Texas on April 10 -12, 2024.

Adopted

- 13 [RES 24-732](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the denial of the Auto body Repair License and adverse action against Simba Truck & Trailer Repair LLC. d/b/a Simba Truck & Trailer Repair, (License ID #20230000862) located at 44 Acker Street.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-674](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and AFSCME Technical Local 1842 for the purpose of establishing a Competency-based Internal Testing Process for Saint Paul Regional Water Services - Water Utility Technician II and III classifications.

Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 15 [RES 24-695](#) Calling on the U.S Department of Homeland Security to designate Ecuador for Temporary Protected Status.

Councilmember Kim moved Version 2.

Ryan Perez from COPAL Minnesota spoke to the resolution.

Councilmember Jost spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in support.

Council President Jalali spoke in support.

Kim spoke in support and renewed her motion to approve as amended.

Adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 16 [RES 24-623](#) Directing the Department of Safety and Inspections to proceed with the scheduled Pre-hearing Conference and Adverse Action against the Tobacco Shop License held by Maryland One Stop Food & Fuel Market, Inc. d/b/a Maryland Amoco/BP Market Place (License ID #20050003472) for the premises located at 1200 White Bear Avenue North.

Therese Skarda, Deputy City Attorney, gave a staff report and answered Councilmember questions.

Brian Flakne, Attorney for the Licensee, spoke in favor of allowing the license to be surrendered.

Councilmember Kim moved approval of Version 1 and spoke in support.

Councilmember Bowie asked for clarification.

Kim addressed Bowie's question.

Council President Jalali spoke in support of Version 1.

Councilmember Noecker asked for clarification.

Skarda addressed Noecker's question.

Kim gave additional remarks.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Live testimony is limited to two minutes for each person. See below for optional ways to testify.

- 17 [ABZA 24-1](#) Considering the appeal of Snelling-Midway Redevelopment, LLC to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying two zoning variance requests pertaining to a proposed restaurant building on the property at 1566 University Avenue West.
- Yasmine Robinson and David Eide from the Department of Safety and Inspections gave a staff report.*
- Mike Hahm, representing the applicant, spoke during the public hearing.*
- Amanda Duerr from the Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Bowie moved to close the public hearing. Approved 6-0.*
- Bowie moved intent to grant the appeal, spoke in support, and spoke to future policy changes.*
- Councilmember Jost asked for clarification and spoke in support of granting the appeal.*
- Hahm addressed Jost's question.*
- Councilmember Kim spoke in support of granting the appeal.*
- Council President Jalali spoke in support of granting the appeal.*

Councilmember Johnson spoke to future policy changes.

Intent moved to grant the appeal

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 18** [RES PH 24-102](#) Approving the application of Evie Mouacheupao for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on June 22, 2024, and June 23, 2024 at 353 University Avenue, 422 University Avenue, and on the corner of Western Avenue North and Sherburne Avenue.

Councilmember Bowie moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 19** [RES PH 24-105](#) Approving the applications of the Minnesota United FC for sound level variance applications in order to present amplified sound on June 1, 8, and 22, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with pre-event sound checks at 4:30 p.m., within the Street and the Beer Garden Area at Allianz Field - 400 Snelling Avenue North.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 20** [RES PH 24-106](#) Approving the application of Skinner's Pub for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Tuesdays, June 4 - September 24, 2024 at 919 Randolph Avenue - Skinner's Pub. (Public hearing closed and laid over from May 15, 2024)

Chris Johnson, neighbor, spoke during the public hearing via call-in.

Rebecca Ramsden, parent of the previous speaker, spoke during the public hearing via call-in.

Peter and Molly Skinner, applicants, spoke during the public hearing and answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing.

Noecker moved to lay over for one week.

Public hearing closed and laid over to May 22, 2024

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 21** [RES PH 24-107](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (“SPPD”) to accept and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for a 2024 Firearms Storage Grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 22** [RES PH 24-113](#) Authorizing the City on behalf of the Police Department (“SPPD”) to accept and amend the 2024 Special Fund Budget for a 2024 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 23** [RES PH 24-118](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$18,871.30 for the Minnesota Task Force One (MNTF1) reimbursement from the City of Edina.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

- 47** [RLH AR 24-25](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 5 to October 20, 2023. (File No. VB2407, Assessment No. 248806)
- Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: I had previously asked for 720 Euclid Street to be removed for separate consideration. I am now asking for 1698 Thomas Avenue to also be removed for separate consideration. Both are to be considered during Legislative Hearings on June 4, 2024.*
- Councilmember Johnson moved approval of Moermond's recommendation.*
- Adopted as amended (720 Euclid Street and 1698 Thomas Avenue referred to June 4, 2024 Legislative Hearing for separate consideration)**
- Yea:** 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Yang

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Yang

- 24** [RLH RR 24-15](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 706 CONWAY STREET within fifteen (15) days after the May 15, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (May 14, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
- Public hearing continued to May 22, 2024**
- 25** [RLH TA 24-151](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 765 EDGERTON STREET. (File No. CRT2406, Assessment No. 248205)
- Adopted**
- 26** [RLH TA 24-172](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 308 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2407, Assessment No. 248806) (Public hearing continued to June 26, 2024)

Public hearing continued to June 26, 2024

- 27 [RLH TA 24-145](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1223 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. CG2303A2-2, Assessment No. 230119)
Adopted
- 28 [RLH TA 24-146](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1223 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. CG2304A1-1, Assessment No. 230116)
Adopted
- 29 [RLH TA 24-153](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1223 FARRINGTON STREET. (File No. CG2401A1, Assessment No. 240111)
Adopted
- 30 [RLH TA 24-140](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 908 FOURTH STREET EAST. (File No. CRT2406, Assessment No. 248205)
Adopted
- 31 [RLH TA 24-138](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 355 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2407E, Assessment No. 248306)
Adopted
- 32 [RLH TA 24-155](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1125 HAGUE AVENUE. (File No. CG2401A1, Assessment No. 240111)
Adopted
- 33 [RLH TA 24-197](#) Amending Council File No. RLH AR 24-21 to delete the assessment for Graffiti Removal services during August 15 to October 30, 2023 at 345 JACKSON STREET. (File No. J2404P, Assessment No. 248403)
Adopted
- 34 [RLH TA 24-149](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 242 MARIA AVENUE. (File No. CRT2406, Assessment No. 248205)
Adopted
- 35 [RLH TA 24-154](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 712 MARYLAND AVENUE WEST. (File No. CRT2406, Assessment No. 248205)
Adopted
- 36 [RLH TA 24-156](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1420 RICE STREET. (File No. J2405P, Assessment No. 248404)
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 24-181](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 672 RIVOLI STREET. (File No. CG2401A2, Assessment No. 240112)

Adopted

- 38 [RLH TA 24-159](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 311 RYAN AVENUE. (File No. CG2401A1, Assessment No. 240111)
- Adopted**
- 39 [RLH TA 24-142](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1083 & 1085 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J2405P, Assessment No. 248404)
- Adopted**
- 40 [RLH TA 24-143](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 468 THOMAS AVENUE. (File No. J2407B, Assessment No. 248106)
- Adopted**
- 41 [RLH TA 24-147](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 981 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2407E, Assessment No. 248306)
- Adopted**
- 42 [RLH TA 24-160](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 7 VILLARD COURT. (File No. CRT2406, Assessment No. 248205)
- Adopted**
- 43 [RLH TA 24-148](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 227 WINIFRED STREET EAST. (File No. J2407E, Assessment No. 248306)
- Adopted**
- 44 [RLH TA 24-107](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1110 WOODBRIDGE STREET. (File No. CG2303A2-1, Assessment No. 230118)
- Adopted**
- 45 [RLH TA 24-108](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1110 WOODBRIDGE STREET. (File No. CG2304A1-2, Assessment No. 230117)
- Adopted**
- 46 [RLH TA 24-157](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 556 YORK AVENUE. (File No. CG2401A2, Assessment No. 240112)
- Adopted**
- 48 [RLH AR 24-26](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during November 2023. (File No. J2407B, Assessment No. 248106)
- Adopted**
- 49 [RLH AR 24-28](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during February 28 to December 19, 2023. (File No. CRT2406, Assessment No. 248205)

Adopted

- 50 [RLH AR 24-29](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during September 22 to October 19, 2023. (File No. J2407E, Assessment No. 248306)

Adopted

- 51 [RLH AR 24-30](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during March 21 to November 13, 2023. (File No. J2405P, Assessment No. 248404)

Adopted

- 52 [RLH AR 24-31](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during December 2023. (File No. 2405T, Assessment No. 249004)

Adopted

- 53 [RLH AR 24-32](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2023. (File No. CG2401A1, Assessment No. 240111)

Adopted

- 54 [RLH AR 24-33](#) Ratifying the assessment for the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2023. (File No. CG2401A2, Assessment No. 240112)

Adopted**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting ended at 4:29 PM

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