



City of Saint Paul

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Council Chambers - 3rd
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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

City Council

Council President Amy Brendmoen
Councilmember Russel Balenger
Councilmember Mitra Jalali
Councilmember Rebecca Noecker
Councilmember Jane L. Prince
Councilmember Chris Tolbert
Councilmember Nelsie Yang

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 6 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember Russel Balenger

Absent 1 - Councilmember Chris Tolbert

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 23-39](#) Notification of Highland Bridge Development, Assembly Union Park, has been constructed in compliance with City standards, is free of defects and free and clear of any encumbrance or lien.
Received and Filed
- 2 [CO 23-40](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1726 4th Street East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 23-79](#) Amending CDBG-CV Project Budgets: Funding for West Minnehaha Rec project.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 23-80](#) Amending CDBG Project Budgets: additional funding for Ramsey County Lead Hazard Control Program subaward; additional funding for 653 Artist Lofts project; funding for 450 Lexington (Life Juices) project.
Received and Filed

ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Jane L. Prince, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember Russel Balenger

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 Yang moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 5** [RES 23-426](#) Approving assessment costs and setting date of City Council public hearing to ratify the assessments for the Wabasha Street: Kellogg to 7th Street paving and lighting project constructed as part of the 2022 St. Paul Street Paving Program (SPS). (File No. 19209, Assessment No. 225200)

Adopted

- 6** [RES 23-1026](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from January to May 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2304C, Assessment No. 232003)

Adopted

- 7** [RES 23-1027](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during December 7 to March 20, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2311, Assessment No. 238814)

Adopted

- 8** [RES 23-1028](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during April 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2311B, Assessment No. 238112)

Adopted

- 9** [RES 23-1029](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Demolition services from February to

March 2023 (C.D.B.G. Funds), and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2305C, Assessment No. 232004)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 23-1030](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during March 7 to April 1, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2310, Assessment No. 238209)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 23-1031](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during February 21 to March 21, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2311E, Assessment No. 238319)

Adopted

- 12 [RES 23-1032](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during April 3 to May 3, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2307P, Assessment No. 238406)

Adopted

- 13 [RES 23-1033](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Removal of Diseased Tree during May 2023 at 1636 Mackubin St, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. 2309T, Assessment No. 239008)

Adopted

- 14 [RES 23-1057](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Towing of Abandoned Vehicle(s) services during April 3 to May 3, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for September 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for October 11, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2302V, Assessment No. 238002)

Adopted

- 15 [RES 23-1156](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreements (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025) and Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and AFSCME Council 5, Clerical - Local 2508 and Technical - Local 1842.

Laid over to August 16, 2023

- 16 [RES 23-1159](#) Authorizing the City to make budget neutral technical amendments to American Rescue Plan funds in specific projects and accounts to align with actual spending.
Adopted
- 17 [RES 23-1164](#) Authorizing City staff to execute The Heights - Intercommunity Wastewater Agreement (St Paul-Maplewood), as prepared in collaboration with the City of Maplewood.
Adopted
- 18 [RES 23-1171](#) Declaring the official intent of the City to reimburse certain original expenditures related to the capital projects from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds to be issued by the City after the payment of such original expenditures.
Adopted
- 19 [RES 23-1172](#) Approving the Mayor's re-appointment of Amy Brendmoen, John Marshall, Don Mullin, and Rebecca Noecker to the Saint Paul Port Authority.
Adopted
- 20 [Min 23-30](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2023.
Adopted
- 21 [RES 23-1114](#) Approving the Labor Agreement (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2025) and Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul and the District Lodge No. 77, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers AFL-CIO.
Adopted
- 22 [RES 23-1150](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the Saint Paul Supervisors Organization for the purpose of establishing funding of uniforms for Parks Department - Como Campus employees.
Adopted

FOR DISCUSSION

- 23 [RES 23-1068](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council for Livable Communities Demonstration Account development grants for a projects at 2260 Bohland Avenue (Common Bond Ford Site II), and ~~1418 Sue Street adjoining 1883 - 1891 Norfolk Avenue - (Panorama of Highland Park)~~, and two Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) projects at 892 Seventh Street East (Project for Pride in Living, Soul Development) and 2441 University Avenue West (2441 Arts), which will include indemnification provisions in favor of the Metropolitan Council. (To be amended)

Councilmember Tolbert spoke to the resolution and moved approval of Version 2.

Adopted as amended

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

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 Pioneer Press. Public hearings on ordinances are generally held at the second reading.

Final Adoption

- 24** [Ord 23-39](#) Granting the application of 897 LLC to rezone the property at 897 Saint Paul Avenue from OS Office-Service to T2 Traditional Neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Tolbert moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 25** [RES PH 23-142](#) Approving the petition of Brian Ingram on behalf of Hope Fire House, LLC to vacate a portion of Leech Street from Grand Avenue to West Seventh Street. (Public hearing closed and laid over from August 9, 2023)

Brian Ingram, petitioner, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Noecker moved to lay over for two weeks.

Public hearing closed and laid over to August 23, 2023

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 23-205](#) Approving the petition of Jacob Stewart, on behalf of The Relentless Phoenix LLC, to vacate the portion of Desoto Street north of Bush Avenue.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 27** [RES PH 23-206](#) Approving the application of Rice & Larpenteur Alliance for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 12, 2023 at 1657 Rice Street.

Council President Brendmoen spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 28** [RES PH 23-211](#) Approving the application of Minnesota Children's Museum for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 12, 2023 at 10 West Seventh Street - Minnesota Children's Museum.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 29** [RES PH 23-212](#) Approving the application of Ka Vang for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on August 19, 2023 and August 20, 2023 at 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd - State Capitol Grounds.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 30** [RES PH 23-207](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$260,000 for a contribution received from the State of Minnesota to pay for training and equipment for the hazardous materials team.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 31** [RES PH 23-208](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000 for the donation from the Saint Paul Fire Foundation for the sauna study.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 32** [RES PH 23-209](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$133,777 for a reimbursement from the State of Minnesota for training and equipment for the hazardous materials team.

Councilmember Prince moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 33** [RES PH 23-213](#) Authorizing the City to allocate funds temporarily held in the Public Works Traffic Engineering accounting unit, and re-distributing them amongst multiple city departments to finance an aggressive initiative designed to mitigate copper-wire theft and vandalization of City lighting fixtures.

Anthony Dearing spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 34** [RES PH 23-223](#) Approving the establishment of the Landmark Towers Tax Increment Financing District (a redevelopment district) in the Seventh Place Redevelopment Project Area and adopting a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor (District 17, Ward 2).

Joe Spencer from the Downtown Alliance spoke during the public hearing.

Amanda Duerr from the Saint Paul Chamber of Commerce spoke during the public hearing.

Clinton Blaisen, resident, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor and moved approval.

Councilmember Prince spoke in favor.

Adopted

Yea: 6 - Councilmember Brendmoen, Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Prince, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Balenger

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Tolbert

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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Approval of the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 35** [RLH FCO 23-43](#) Appeal of Ronald Staeheli to a Fire Inspection Correction Order at 358 ARBOR STREET.

Adopted

- 36** [RLH VBR 23-43](#) Appeal of David Vo to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 267 BELVIDERE STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 37** [RLH RR 23-37](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement order for 939 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 22-67. (Public hearing continued to August 9, 2023)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 38** [RLH RSA 23-12](#) Appeal of Erika Ronnow to a Rent Stabilization Determination at 549 DAYTON AVENUE, Unit 1.

Public hearing continued to August 16, 2023

- 39 [RLH RR 23-11](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 733 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH in Council File RLH RR 22-28. (Grant 180 days)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 40 [RLH FCO 23-60](#) Appeal of Linda Kohl and Nick Geng for Bigos Management/On the Park condos to a Correction Order at 380 JACKSON STREET, aka 198 SIXTH STREET EAST (previous File ID RLH FCO 23-28)

Adopted

- 41 [RLH RR 23-8](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1082 LOEB STREET within fifteen (15) days after the March 22, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (August 8, 2023 Legislative Hearing)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

- 42 [RLH VBR 23-38](#) Appeal of Akeem Lamina to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 2076 MARGARET STREET.

Adopted

- 43 [RLH VO 23-30](#) Appeal of Megan Jacobson and Kevin Motarjemi to a Notice of Condemnation-Unfit for Human Habitation-Order to Vacate at 1657 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST.

Adopted

- 44 [RLH VO 23-20](#) Appeal of John S. Jagiela to a Re-Inspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies (which includes vacating 2 areas) at 134 MONTROSE PLACE.

Adopted

- 45 [RLH RR 23-32](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 792 ROSE AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the August 2, 2023, City Council Public Hearing.

Public hearing continued to August 16, 2023

- 46 [RLH RR 23-21](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 871 STICKNEY STREET within fifteen (15) days after the June 14, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to grant 180 days)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:55 PM

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