



City of Saint Paul

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15 West Kellogg Boulevard
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, November 8, 2023

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

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

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 23-60](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1262 Minnehaha Avenue East a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 23-111](#) Amending the 2023 spending budget in the Department of Public Works General Fund Traffic Signals and Street Lighting Maintenance accounting units.
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

Council President Brendmoen stated that Item 12 would be taken separately.

Councilmember Balenger moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

- 3 [RES 23-1483](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during February 24 to June 19, 2023 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for February 14, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. VB2403, Assessment No. 248802)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 23-1484](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during July 2023 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for February 14, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2403B, Assessment No. 248102)

Adopted

- 5 [RES 23-1485](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during June 28 to July 23, 2023 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for February 14, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CRT2402, Assessment No. 248201)

Adopted

- 6 [RES 23-1486](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during May 22 to June 21, 2023 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for February 14, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2403E, Assessment No. 248302)

Adopted

- 7 [RES 23-1487](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Graffiti Removal services during June 6 to August 10, 2023 and setting date of Legislative Hearing for December 5, 2023 and City Council public hearing for February 14, 2023 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2403P, Assessment No. 248402)

Adopted

- 8 [RES 23-1664](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the Capital Region Watershed District for its 2024 Partner Grants.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 23-1665](#) Authorizing the Police Department to submit an application for funds under a

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) issued by the University of Baltimore's Center for Drug Policy and Prevention, using funds that originate from the federal government's Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 23-1689](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to add organizations to the List of Eligible Recipients for Charitable Gambling funds for 2023.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 23-1690](#) Changing the rate of pay for Parks Services Assistant (formerly Refectory Assistant).

Laid over to November 15, 2023

- 13 [RES 23-1709](#) Approving a Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle license for Ado's Motors LLC d/b/a Ado's Motors LLC (License ID #20230001708) for the premises located at 834 7th Street West.

Adopted

- 14 [RES 23-1711](#) Approving the application with conditions, per the Legislative Hearing Officer, for Kito Auto Sales & Repair LLC, d/b/a Kito Auto Sales (License ID #20230001593), for Second Hand Dealer - Motor Vehicle and Auto Repair Garage licenses, located at 1103 Arcade Street.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 23-1712](#) Supporting an application for the Energy Futures Grant.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 23-1727](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Manual & Maintenance Supervisors Association for the purpose of establishing an on-call scheduling and payment process for Supervisors in the Street Maintenance division of the Public Works department.

Laid over to November 15, 2023

- 17 [RES 23-1731](#) Appointing and authorizing the execution of a master legal services agreement with McGrann Shea Carnival Straughn & Lamb, Chartered.

Adopted

- 18 [RES 23-1732](#) Authorizing the City to shift unspent American Rescue Plan Funds into the DSI Remote Virtual Inspections Project.

Adopted

- 19 [RES 23-1733](#) Accepting the gift of travel expenses from the National Organization of Black County Officials for Mayor Melvin Carter to attend the NOBCO 2023 Economic Development Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, on October 19, 2023.

Adopted**FOR DISCUSSION**

- 12 [RES 23-1692](#) Honoring Saint Paul Veterans on Veterans Day, November 11, 2023.

Councilmember Prince spoke to and read from the resolution.

Tom Miller, Chair of the Veterans Employee Resource Network (V-ERN), spoke to the resolution and played a presentation highlighting current and former members of the military.

Prince gave additional remarks and moved approval.

Council President Brendmoen spoke in support.

Adopted

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 20 [Ord 23-46](#) Amending Chapter 74 of the Legislative Code by adding a new section 74.04 for the purpose of designating the Dwight H. and Clara Watson House at 402 Hall Avenue as a Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Site.

Mark Thomas, resident at 402 Hall Ave, spoke during the public hearing.

Nicole, renter at 402 Hall Ave, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support and moved approval.

Laid over to November 15, 2023 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 21 [RES PH 23-346](#) Setting the Solid Waste Service Fee for 2024.

Council President moved to lay over to December 6, to be taken up with other budget items.

Public hearing closed and laid over to December 6, 2023

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

Nay: 0

- 22** [RES PH 23-347](#) Setting the Recycling Service Fee for 2024.

Council President moved to lay over to December 6, to be taken up with other budget items.

Public hearing closed and laid over to December 6, 2023

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

Nay: 0

- 23** [RES PH 23-333](#) Authorizing the City to re-allocate funds currently held in the Public Works Traffic Engineering accounting unit to the Traffic Warehouse accounting unit to finance the purchase of high-access lighting poles designed to mitigate copper-wire theft and vandalization of City lighting fixtures.

Council President Brendmoen spoke in support.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24** [RES PH 23-334](#) Approving the application of Podium Sports Marketing, Inc. for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Turkey Trot Saint Paul on November 23, 2023 by Shepard Road between Washington Street and Sherman Street.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 25** [RES PH 23-342](#) Approving the adoption of a Fourth Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Downtown and Seventh Place (For the Minnesota

Event District) Tax Increment Financing District and authorizing the execution of related amendments to documents (including an amended and restated tax increment agreement).

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 26** [RES PH 23-345](#) Establishing a budget for a facilities master planning process.

Councilmember Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

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

- 27** [RLH RR 23-50](#) Ordering the razing and removal of the structures at 594 BRUNSON STREET within fifteen (15) days after the November 1, 2023, City Council Public Hearing.

Referred to December 12, 2023 Legislative Hearing

- 28** [RLH VBR 23-59](#) Appeal of Greg Lehman to a Vacant Building Registration Notice and Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation Notice at 839 FOURTH STREET EAST.

Adopted

- 29 [RLH RR 23-51](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1726 FOURTH STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days after the November 8, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to November 28, 2023 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to November 28, 2023 Legislative Hearing

- 30 [RLH VBR 23-63](#) Appeal of Manoj Bhakta to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 1046 JESSIE STREET.

Adopted

- 31 [RLH FCO 23-82](#) Appeal of Greg Vanwert to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 295 LARCH STREET.

Adopted

- 32 [RLH CO 23-14](#) Appeal of Akeem Lamina to a Correction Notice at 2076 MARGARET STREET.

Adopted as amended

- 33 [RLH RR 23-52](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1006 THIRD STREET EAST in Council File RLH RR 23-14. (Public hearing continued to November 8, 2023)

Public hearing continued to November 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:02 PM

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