



City of Saint Paul

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Meeting Minutes - Action Only

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, February 28, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:30 PM

Present 7 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Anika Bowie, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-14](#) Authorizing the Police Department to reallocate its 2024 Special Fund budget to reflect expenditures more accurately.
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-15](#) Amending the 2024 financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Engineering Fund to move previously budgeted and newly identified personnel and operating expenses in the amount of \$1,789,147 to a dedicated accounting unit for 1% local option sales and use tax.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-16](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to reallocate \$346,220 within its various accounting units in the 2024 adopted budget to most accurately reflect the projected actual spending in each accounting unit and provide the appropriate levels of spending authority.
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 Johnson moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 4 [RES 24-293](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for up to \$200,000 in capital funds for construction of the Point Douglas Regional Trail and up to \$75,000 in equipment funds per application to support Saint Paul's ski program from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Federal Recreational Trail grant program.
- Adopted**
- 5 [RES 24-295](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Public Library Agency to apply for funds from the Minnesota Department of Education's Afterschool Community Learning Grant for shared community programming and transportation in Ward One, in an amount of up to \$500,000, for each program year from 2024-2027.
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 24-296](#) Authorizing the use of project labor agreements for 2024 Public Works street and sidewalk projects.
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 24-297](#) Authorizing the City to enter into the attached agreement between the City and Whenever Water Sports, LLC for watercraft rental at Phalen Regional Park Beach.
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 24-303](#) Authorizing the Office of Neighborhood Safety to apply for a grant from Harvard University to fund and employ a two-year Harvard fellow from the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.
- Adopted**
- 9 [RES 24-307](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Auto Repair Garage license now held by Muler Auto Repair LLC, d/b/a Muler Auto Repair LLC (License ID #20240000019) for the premises located at 1200 7th Street West.
- Adopted**
- 10 [Min 24-5](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of December 6, 13, and 20, 2023.
- Adopted**
- 11 [RES 24-199](#) Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026) and Memorandums of Agreement between the City of Saint Paul

and the Saint Paul Police Federation.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-243](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and Saint Paul Manual & Maintenance Supervisors Association for the purpose of providing on-call pay for MMSA employees in Public Works to perform sewer-related emergency work.

Adopted

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 13 [RES PH 24-1](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Public Works Capital Budget for the Grand Avenue - Snelling to Fairview Project, Grand at Fairview Signal Project and the Grand/Snelling Intersection Improvement Project.
- Jamie Tincher, Deputy Mayor, gave an introduction.*
- Sean Kershaw, Director of Public Works, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.*
- Andy Rodriguez, Director of Parks and Recreation, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.*
- John McCarthy, Director of Financial Services, gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.*
- Mike Madden, resident, spoke during the public hearing.*
- Duane Johnson, resident, spoke during the public hearing.*
- Vivian Ihekoronye, resident, spoke during the public hearing.*
- Dan Humes, resident, spoke during the public hearing.*
- Councilmember Johnson moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.*
- Councilmember Jost spoke in support.*
- Councilmember Yang spoke in support.*
- Councilmember Bowie spoke in support.*
- Johnson spoke in support.*
- Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.*
- Councilmember Kim moved approval.*

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

14 [RES PH 24-3](#)

Amending the financing and spending plans in the Department of Parks and Recreation Capital Budget to utilize the new 1% local option sales tax to implement various capital projects throughout the City to revitalize and improve the Parks and Recreation system.

Council President Jalali moved Version 2. Approved 7-0.

Councilmember Kim moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Kim spoke in support.

Jalali spoke in support.

Kim moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

15 [RES PH 24-39](#)

Approving the application of Pro-Life Action Ministries for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound for the Good Friday Solemn Prayer Vigil on March 29, 2024 at the intersection of Charles Avenue and Vandalia Street. (public hearing closed and laid over from February 28, 2024)

Council President Jalali expressed concerns.

Councilmember Johnson moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Jalali moved a two-week layover.

Public hearing closed and laid over to March 13, 2024

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

16 [RES PH 24-41](#)

Approving the host issuance by the City of Little Canada of one or more series of conduit revenue bonds, approving a Bond Compliance and Fee Agreement, and authorizing the execution of documents relating thereto, for the St. Paul Academy and Summit School Project located at 1150 Goodrich Avenue (District 16, Ward 2).

Christine Jansen, Director of Finance at Saint Paul Academy, spoke during the public hearing.

Councilmember Bowie moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Councilmember Yang spoke in opposition.

Jenny Wolfe from the Department of Planning and Economic Development answered councilmember questions.

Councilmember Noecker offered clarification.

Councilmember Jalali spoke in support.

Adopted

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Yang

17 [RES PH 24-43](#)

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto) and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program for the benefit of 2441 Arts LLC at 2441 University Ave West (District 12, Ward 4).

Council President Jalali moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Jalali spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

18 [RES PH 24-44](#)

Accepting grant funds, authorizing execution of a grant agreement (with indemnity obligations and other documents related thereto) and amending the operating budget with respect to the City's sponsorship of a Metropolitan Council Livable Communities Demonstration Account Development Grant Program for the benefit of a Common Bond development at 2260 Bohland Avenue (Common Bond Ford Site II) (District 15, Ward 3).

Councilmember Jost moved to close the public hearing. Approved 7-0.

Jost spoke in support and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

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 Johnson moved approval.

Legislative Hearing Consent Agenda adopted as amended

Yea: 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

- 19** [RLH SAO 24-11](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 29 ACKER STREET WEST in Council File RLH SAO 24-3. (February 27, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended
- 20** [RLH TA 24-76](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 523 BEAUMONT STREET. (File No. J2402A4, Assessment No. 248521)
Adopted
- 21** [RLH TA 24-54](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 703 BEDFORD STREET. (File No. J2404E, Assessment No. 248303)
Adopted
- 22** [RLH RR 23-68](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1043 BEECH STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-28.
Adopted as amended (granted 90 days)
- 23** [RLH RR 23-66](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 621 BIDWELL STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-39. (Continued Public Hearing to February 28, 2024)
Adopted as amended (granted to March 25, 2024)
- 24** [RLH VBR 24-8](#) Appeal of Paul Yang to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 985 BRADLEY STREET.
Adopted
- 25** [RLH TA 24-90](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 646 CHARLES AVENUE. (File No. VB2404, Assessment No. 248803)
Adopted
- 26** [RLH TA 23-399](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1135 DALE

STREET NORTH. (File No. J2404E, Assessment No. 248303) (Public hearing continued to September 18, 2024)

Public hearing continued to September 18, 2024

- 27** [RLH TA 23-407](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1643-1645 DIETER STREET. (File No. J2401E1, Assessment No. 248309)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 28** [RLH TA 23-408](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1643-1645 DIETER STREET. (File No. J2402E2, Assessment No. 248311) (February 27, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 29** [RLH TA 23-409](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1643-1645 DIETER STREET. (File No. J2403E2, Assessment No. 248314) (February 27, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 30** [RLH TA 23-413](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1643-1645 DIETER STREET. (File No. J2404E, Assessment No. 248303) (February 27, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (assessment deleted)
- 31** [RLH TA 24-79](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 171 GRANITE STREET. (File No. VB2401B, Assessment No. 248809)
Adopted
- 32** [RLH TA 24-59](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 566 HALL AVENUE. (File No. VB2404, Assessment No. 248803)
Adopted
- 33** [RLH TA 24-4](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 463 IGLEHART AVENUE. (File No. 2402T, Assessment No. 249001)
Adopted
- 34** [RLH RR 23-10](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1117 JENKS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the April 19, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (To refer back to March 12, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to March 12, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 35** [RLH RR 24-9](#) First Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1082 LOEB STREET in Council File RLH RR 23-8.
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 36 [RLH SAO 24-15](#) Appeal of Jennifer Oliver & Reginald Petrie to a Summary and Vehicle Abatement Order at 1525 MARGARET STREET.
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 24-68](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1531 MARGARET STREET. (File No. J2402E1, Assessment No. 248310)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH TA 24-78](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1235 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2404E, Assessment No. 248303)
Adopted
- 39 [RLH RR 24-2](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1262 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST within fifteen (15) days after the February 21, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.(Amend to grant 180 days)

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)
- 40 [RLH TA 24-1](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 172 MOUNDS BOULEVARD. (File No. J2404E, Assessment No. 248303)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH VBR 24-7](#) Appeal of Olympia Haidos to a Vacant Building Registration Renewal Notice at 975 REANEY AVENUE.
Adopted
- 42 [RLH RR 23-31](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 455 ROBERT STREET SOUTH within fifteen (15) days after the August 2, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to March 26, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to March 26, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 43 [RLH TA 24-58](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1220 SAINT CLAIR AVENUE. (File No. J2402A3, Assessment No. 248520)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH VBR 24-10](#) Appeal of Justin Gaarder, Rondo Community Land Trust, to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 843 and 845 SELBY AVENUE.
Adopted
- 45 [RLH SAO 24-12](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 28 SYCAMORE STREET WEST in Council File RLH SAO 24-3.
Adopted
- 46 [RLH SAO 24-13](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 760 SYLVAN STREET in Council File RLH SAO 24-3. (February 27, 2024 Legislative

Hearing)

Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)

- 47 [RLH VO 24-5](#) Appeal of Occupant to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 421 THOMAS AVENUE #1.
Referred to March 5, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 48 [RLH SAO 23-53](#) Appeal of Thomas Nelson and Ranettia Alexander-Nelson to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 493 VAN BUREN AVENUE.
Adopted as amended (nuisance abated)
- 49 [RLH TA 24-82](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 571 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. VB2401A, Assessment No. 248808) (Refer to March 19, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to March 19, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 50 [RLH AR 23-110](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 7 to July 21, 2023. (File No. VB2404, Assessment No. 248803)
Adopted
- 51 [RLH AR 23-111](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during August 2023. (File No. J2404B, Assessment No. 248103)
Adopted
- 52 [RLH AR 23-112](#) Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services from June to July 2023. (File No. J2401C, Assessment No. 242000)
Adopted as amended (1040 Sims Ave removed and referred to March 5, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
- 53 [RLH AR 23-113](#) Ratifying the assessments for Demolition services from August to September 2023 (C.D.B.G .Funds). (File No. J2402C, Assessment No. 242001)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH AR 23-114](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during July 26 to August 25, 2023. (File No. CRT2403, Assessment No. 248202)
Adopted
- 55 [RLH AR 23-115](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during June 22 to July 21, 2023. (File No. J2404E, Assessment No. 248303)
Adopted
- 56 [RLH AR 23-116](#) Ratifying the assessments for Removal of Diseased and/or Dangerous Tree(s) services during September 2023. (File No. 2402T, Assessment No.

249001)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 4:19 PM

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