



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

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:31 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 2 - Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Anika Bowie

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [CO 24-15](#) Letter from the Department of Safety and Inspections declaring 1156 Lincoln Avenue a nuisance property. (For notification purposes only; public hearings will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.)
Received and Filed
- 2 [AO 24-22](#) Amending the 2024 Department of Safety and Inspections Operating Budget to move spending authority within the same department and fund to better align with 2024 programming.
Received and Filed

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 1 - Councilmember Anika Bowie

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Council President Jalali stated that Item 12 was being withdrawn.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted as amended

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 3** [RES 24-329](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Property Clean services during December 6 to 12, 2023, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 16, 2024 and City Council public hearing for June 5, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2416A, Assessment No. 248515)
Adopted
- 4** [RES 24-330](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Sewer Repair in Right of Way during December 2023 at 687 Sims Ave, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for April 16, 2024 and City Council public hearing for June 5, 2024 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2417A, Assessment No. 248516)
Adopted
- 5** [RES 24-337](#) Approving the settlement of Tamara Ann Renn v. Ernest Walker and City of St. Paul (2023-LIT-0007).
Adopted
- 6** [RES 24-352](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter 3M's Network Access Agreement for Right Track, the City's youth training and employment program's engagement in the 3M STEP (Science Training Encouragement Program) for summer 2024 (which includes indemnification language).
Adopted
- 7** [RES 24-383](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for funds up to \$350,000 from the Outdoor Recreation grant program for development of a new park at The Heights.
Adopted
- 8** [RES 24-397](#) Authorizing the Police Department to enter into an agreement with the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) for the collaborative A Community Outreach Program (ACOP), that includes an indemnification clause.
Adopted
- 9** [RES 24-406](#) Authorizing the Fire Department to accept the donation of one automated external defibrillator (AED) valued at \$1,000 from the University of Minnesota AED Reuse/Recycle Program.

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-413](#) Approving the addition of the Gambling Location License to the existing Malt on Sale (Brewery Taproom), Liquor On-Sale-Sunday, Malt Off Sale (Brewery), and Liquor outdoor Service Area (Patio) licenses for Barrel Theory Beer Company d/b/a 7th Street Beer Company LLC (License ID# 20170000548) for the premises located at 248 Seventh Street East.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-426](#) Authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) for the Trunk Highway 36 signage for Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-446](#) Authorizing the award of a professional services agreement to Wilder Research to conduct up to two (2) research and evaluation projects beyond those that Council or City staff can provide to examine program and financial evaluations designed to improve the timing of delivery of services with the goal of building greater public trust and satisfaction with city services and to provide reports with recommendations to the city for improvements to city services and processes. (To be withdrawn)

Withdrawn

- 13 [Min 24-8](#) Approving the minutes of the Saint Paul City Council meetings of January 10, 17, and 24, 2024.

Adopted**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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

- 14 [RES PH 24-8](#) Ratifying the assessment for replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Wheelock Parkway paving project. File No. 19210C, Assessment No. 246000.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

- 15 [RES PH 24-9](#) Ratifying the assessment for replacement of sanitary sewer services within the right-of-way as part of the Edgcumbe Road paving project. File No. 19234C, Assessment No. 246001.

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Bowie

ROLL CALL

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

- 16** [RES PH 24-56](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$1,700 for a grant received from the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce for health and wellness equipment for the firefighters at Fire Station 22.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 17** [RES PH 24-57](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department in the amount of \$1,700 for a grant received from the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce for health and wellness equipment for the firefighters at Fire Station 24.

Councilmember Bowie 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 24-58](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Fire Department's 2024 operating budget for the purchase of the electric fire vehicle (charger).

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

19 [RES PH 24-59](#)

Authorizing the Office of Financial Services to carry forward unspent budget authority from 2023, to increase the 2024 spending plan in the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Maintenance Fund by \$65,000.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

20 [RES PH 24-64](#)

Authorizing the Police Department Bomb Disposal Unit to accept and amend the 2024 special fund budget and adding an activity for the 2023 Minnesota Homeland Security Program - Bomb Grant.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM

29 [RLH RR 23-70](#)

Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 342 THOMAS AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 23-46. (Public Hearing continued to March 20, 2024)

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: I am asking that this public hearing be continued to April 3, 2024.

Councilmember Bowie moved Moermond's recommendation.

Public hearing continued to April 3, 2024

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

Nay: 0

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CONSENT AGENDA

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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

- 21** [RLH SAO 24-20](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1341 CASE AVENUE in Council File RLH SAO 24-9. (March 19, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (nuisance not abated, DSI authorized to abate)
- 22** [RLH RR 23-63](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 195 GOODRICH AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the January 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing.
Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)
- 23** [RLH VBR 24-14](#) Appeal of Carolyn Brown, on behalf of Shai Leibovich, to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 1056 HATCH AVENUE.
Adopted
- 24** [RLH SAO 24-18](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 1525 MARGARET STREET in Council File RLH SAO 24-15.
Adopted
- 25** [RLH SAO 24-22](#) Making finding on the appealed nuisance abatement ordered for 12 OAKLEY AVENUE in Council File RLH VBR 24-11.
Adopted
- 26** [RLH VBR 24-19](#) Appeal of Mike Runyon to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 1017 SEVENTH STREET WEST.
Adopted
- 27** [RLH RR 24-4](#) Second Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 346 SHERBURNE AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 23-38.
Adopted as amended (granted 180 days to abate)
- 28** [RLH TA 24-120](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1040 SIMS

AVENUE. (File No. J2401C1, Assessment No. 242002)

Adopted

- 30** [RLH VBR 24-15](#) Appeal of Oluwadamilola Osinubi, Krantz USA LLC, to a Vacant Building Registration Requirement at 824 WHITE BEAR AVENUE NORTH.

Adopted

- 31** [RLH RR 23-44](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 1213 WOODBRIDGE STREET within fifteen (15) days after the September 13, 2023, City Council Public Hearing.

Adopted as amended (granted 180 days)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:44 PM

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