



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, April 17, 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 HwaJeong Kim, Councilmember Saura Jost and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 2 - Councilmember Nelsie Yang and Councilmember Anika Bowie

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-33](#) Amending the 2024 spending budget in the Department of Public Works Street Lighting Maintenance accounting unit to account for continuing police efforts related to wire-theft prevention endeavors in the amount of \$25,000.
- 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 Kim moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 2 [RES 24-464](#) Authorizing the Department of Planning and Economic Development to apply to the Metropolitan Council for Tax Base Revitalization Account fund for

contamination cleanup for projects at 1570 White Bear Avenue N. (Gloryville) and 892 7th Street E. (Project for Pride in Living).

Adopted

- 3 [RES 24-466](#) Authorizing the City to apply to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for contamination cleanup funding for projects at 680-694 Minnehaha Avenue E. (Hamm's Brewery Redevelopment), 892 7th Street E. (Project for Pride in Living) and 1570 White Bear Avenue N. (Gloryville)

Adopted

- 4 [RES 24-539](#) Approving the agreement for transfer of Police employee, Michael DeTomaso, to the Ramsey County Attorney's Office (April 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024).

Adopted

- 5 [RES 24-541](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2024 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local Union 1 Minnesota/North Dakota.

Laid over to April 24, 2024

- 6 [RES 24-545](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2024 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, Local No 633.

Laid over to April 24, 2024

- 7 [RES 24-546](#) Approving the application for change of ownership to the Gas Station and Tobacco Shop license now held by Rays Market & Gas LLC d/b/a Rays Market & Gas (License ID #20230002190) for the premises located at 1184 Maryland Avenue East.

Adopted

- 8 [RES 24-547](#) Approving a Liquor on Sale-100 seats, Liquor on Sale-Sunday, and Entertainment (A) - New Location license to Taco H LLC, d/b/a Tromperia El Zac (License ID 20240000258) for the premises located at 1322 Rice Street.

Adopted

- 9 [RES 24-551](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2024 Wage and Fringe Adjustment between the City and the United Association of Pipefitters Local No. 455.

Laid over to April 24, 2024

- 10 [RES 24-552](#) Authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City and The University of St. Thomas, for the Police Department's use of auditorium space for the Police Recruit Academy Graduation on May 31, 2024.

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-575](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Mayor's Office Neighborhood Star Year-Round Program for TMREIT, LLC.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-522](#) Changing the rate of pay for Park Security Officer, in EG 12.

Adopted

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

- 13 [Ord 24-5](#) Amending Chapter 63 of the Legislative Code pertaining to electric vehicle charging infrastructure in surface parking lots.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in support.

Council President Jalali spoke in support.

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 14 [Ord 24-12](#) Granting the application of Robert Anderson et. al to rezone property at 964 Payne Avenue from H2 residential to B2 community business and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the zoning map.

Councilmember Jost moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

First Reading

- 15 [Ord 24-13](#) Granting the application of Project for Pride in Living to rezone property at 892 East 7th Street from B3 general business to T3 traditional neighborhood and amending Chapter 60 of the Legislative Code pertaining to the Zoning Map.

Chris Hong from the Department of Planning and Economic Development gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Laid over to April 24, 2024 for Second Reading

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

16 [Ord 24-10](#)

Amending Chapter 293 of the Legislative Code to allow certain events to obtain one amplified sound permit for multiple days.

Councilmember Noecker moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to April 24, 2024 for Final Adoption

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

17 [PH 24-2](#)

Public hearing to consider the application of Mortho LLC to rezone property at 1984 Marshall Avenue from RM1 multiple-family residential to RM2 multiple-family residential. (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 17, 2024)

Chris Hong from the Department of Planning and Economic Development gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

Stephen Moriarty, representing the applicant, spoke during the public hearing and answered councilmember questions.

Dean Nelson, neighbor, spoke during the public hearing.

Amy Gage, neighbor, spoke during the public hearing.

Sarah Dvorak, President of the Union Park District Council, spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Jalali asked about laying the item over.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor of a layover and against the rezoning.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in favor of a layover.

Jalali moved to lay over for two weeks.

Public hearing closed and laid over to May 1, 2024

Yea: 4 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 3 - Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim and Councilmember Bowie

- 18 [RES PH 24-76](#) Adopting the update to the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan as an addendum to the Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan. (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 17, 2024)

Jimmy Shoemaker from the Department of Public Works gave a staff report and answered councilmember questions.

19 people spoke during the public hearing.

Council President Jalali thanked testifiers.

Councilmember Kim spoke in favor.

Councilmember Noecker spoke in favor.

Councilmember Jost spoke in favor.

Councilmember Johnson spoke in favor.

Jalali spoke in favor.

Johnson moved to close the public hearing and lay over for one week.

Public hearing closed and laid over to April 24, 2024

- 19 [RES PH 24-79](#) Approving the application of El Burrito Mercado for three sound level variances in order to present live music on certain Fridays for Fiesta Mexicana Fridays, Saturdays for Musica en mi Barrio, and Sundays Familiares Summer Music Series beginning Friday, May 3 through Sunday, September 15, 2024 at the El Burrito LaPlacita Patio space at 175 Cesar Chavez Street.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 20 [RES PH 24-80](#) Approving the application of OSP Events LLC for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on Thursdays, June 6 - August 29, 2024, except for July 4, 2024, at Mears Park - 221 5th St E.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 21** [RES PH 24-81](#) Approving the application of University of St. Thomas, Aaron Fimon, Public Safety Manager, for a sound level variance in order to present amplified sound on May 9 and May 10, 2024 at 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas, O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Councilmember Kim moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 22** [RES PH 24-82](#) Accepting grant funds, amending the Planning and Economic Development operating budget, and authorizing execution of a grant agreement related to the City's sponsorship of a Minnesota Investment Fund grant for the benefit of the J&L Wire Cloth, LLC for its project located at 268 / 236 Water Street West. (District 3, Ward 2)

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 23** [RES PH 24-83](#) Preliminary Plat approval for The Heights Habitat for Humanity Blocks 3 & 4.

Sue Sefferly, neighbor, spoke during the public hearing.

Chad Dipman from Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity spoke during the public hearing.

Marsha Kircher, neighbor, spoke during the public hearing.

Bill Dermody from the Department of Planning and Economic Development spoke to neighbor concerns.

Council President Jalali acknowledged neighbor concerns and moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 24 [RES PH 24-87](#) Amending the 2024 budget by adding the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

LEGISLATIVE HEARING DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 25 [RLH VO 24-9](#) Appeal of Lakeisha Lee to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint (which includes condemnation) at 273 COTTAGE AVENUE WEST. (Public hearing closed and laid over from April 10, 2024)

Councilmember Kim: Is there any update from Legislative Hearing staff?

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: There have been several meetings and lots of outreach to different organizations to make the right connections and provide assistance to the owner with housing needs. It's ongoing.

Kim: I appreciate the work of staff here. We have been in communication with the owner as well, and I feel like we have landed in a place of clarity with a path forward. I move to approve Moermond's recommendation.

Council President Jalali: I will support that.

Adopted

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 49 [RLH RR 23-58](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 378 SIMS AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the December 20, 2023, City Council Public Hearing. (Amend to remove within 15 days)

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: I met in the hallway with the owner of this property. Based on the progress they are making, I am asking you refer this back to Legislative Hearing on May 14.

Councilmember Kim moved to refer to May 14, 2024 Legislative Hearing.

Referred to May 14, 2024 Legislative Hearing

Yea: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

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: 5 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Yang and Councilmember Bowie

- 26** [RLH TA 24-95](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1003 ARCADE STREET. (File No. VB2406, Assessment No. 248805)
Adopted
- 27** [RLH TA 24-116](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1133 ARUNDEL STREET. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305)
Adopted
- 28** [RLH TA 24-117](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1133 ARUNDEL STREET. (File No. VB2406, Assessment No. 248805)
Adopted
- 29** [RLH TA 24-158](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 267 BELVIDERE STREET EAST. (File No. VB2406, Assessment No. 248805) (April 16, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Adopted as amended (assessment reduced)
- 30** [RLH SAO 24-23](#) Appeal of Sonny Batha to a Summary Abatement Order at 1035 CONWAY STREET.
Adopted
- 31** [RLH TA 24-130](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 746 COOK AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305) (Public hearing continued to September 4, 2024)
Public hearing continued to September 4, 2024

- 32 [RLH TA 24-125](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 557 DALE STREET NORTH. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305) (Public hearing continued to June 5, 2024)
Public hearing continued to June 5, 2024
- 33 [RLH TA 24-109](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 195 DUNLAP STREET SOUTH. (File No. CRT2405, Assessment No. 248204)
Adopted
- 34 [RLH TA 24-134](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 686 EDMUND AVENUE. (File No. VB2406, Assessment No. 248805)
Adopted
- 35 [RLH TA 24-100](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 355 GERANIUM AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305)
Adopted
- 36 [RLH VBR 24-25](#) Extension of Fee Waiver & Fee Modification for the Registered Vacant Building at 2130 IVY AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 37 [RLH TA 24-124](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1096 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305)
Adopted
- 38 [RLH RR 24-19](#) Review Request for a potential stay of enforcement of demolition of Colleen Pollock, for property at 1058 JESSIE STREET.
Adopted
- 39 [RLH TA 24-121](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 500 LAFAYETTE ROAD. (File No. CRT2405, Assessment No. 248204)
Adopted
- 40 [RLH TA 24-99](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1028 LAWSON AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2406B, Assessment No. 248105)
Adopted
- 41 [RLH TA 24-80](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1235 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305)
Adopted
- 42 [RLH RR 24-5](#) Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 802 MOUND STREET within fifteen (15) days after the April 17, 2024, City Council Public Hearing. (Refer to April 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing)

Referred to April 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing

- 43 [RLH TA 24-135](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 817 PARK STREET. (File No. J2406B, Assessment No. 248105)
Adopted
- 44 [RLH RR 24-13](#) First Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 1356 REANEY AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 23-23. (Refer back to April 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to April 23, 2024 Legislative Hearing
- 45 [RLH TA 24-127](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2112 REANEY AVENUE. (File No. 2404T, Assessment No. 249003)
Adopted
- 46 [RLH TA 24-123](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1033 and 1035 SEVENTH STREET WEST. (File No. J2404P, Assessment No. 248403)
Adopted
- 47 [RLH VO 24-8](#) Appeal of Lee Bozeman, tenant, to a Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate at 1695 SEVENTH STREET EAST.
Adopted
- 48 [RLH VO 24-10](#) Appeal of Patricia Whitney, representing owner Jen Komatsu, to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Revocation and Order to Vacate at 1695 SEVENTH STREET WEST.
Adopted
- 50 [RLH TA 24-136](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 701 SURREY AVENUE. (File No. VB2406, Assessment No. 248805)
Adopted
- 51 [RLH TA 24-128](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1672 TAYLOR AVENUE. (File No. 2404T, Assessment No. 249003)
Adopted
- 52 [RLH TA 24-133](#) Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1672 TAYLOR AVENUE. (File No. VB2405A, Assessment No. 248815)
Adopted
- 53 [RLH TA 24-112](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 520 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2404P, Assessment No. 248403)
Adopted
- 54 [RLH TA 24-105](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1450

UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2404P, Assessment No. 248403)

Adopted

- 55 [RLH TA 24-104](#) Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1491 (1475) UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST. (File No. J2404P, Assessment No. 248403)

Adopted

- 56 [RLH AR 24-17](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Vacant Building Registration fees billed during April 5 to September 19, 2023. (File No. VB2406, Assessment No. 248805)

Adopted

- 57 [RLH AR 24-18](#) Ratifying the assessments for Securing and/or Emergency Boarding services during October 2023. (File No. J2406B, Assessment No. 248105)

Adopted

- 58 [RLH AR 24-19](#) Ratifying the assessments for Collection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy fees billed during September 25 to October 30, 2023. (File No. CRT2405, Assessment No. 248204)

Adopted

- 59 [RLH AR 24-20](#) Ratifying the assessments for Excessive Use of Inspection or Abatement services billed during August 22 to September 20, 2023. (File No. J2406E, Assessment No. 248305)

Adopted

- 60 [RLH AR 24-21](#) Ratifying the assessments for Graffiti Removal services during August 15 to October 30, 2023. (File No. J2404P, Assessment No. 248403)

Adopted

- 61 [RLH AR 24-22](#) Ratifying the assessments for Tree Removal services during October to November 2023. (File No. 2404T, Assessment No. 249003)

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 5:19 PM

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