



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, December 18, 2024

3:30 PM

Council Chambers - 3rd Floor

ROLL CALL

Meeting started at 3:32 PM

Present 5 - Councilmember Rebecca Noecker, Councilmember Mitra Jalali, Councilmember Nelsie Yang, Councilmember HwaJeong Kim and Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Absent 2 - Councilmember Anika Bowie and Councilmember Saura Jost

COMMUNICATIONS & RECEIVE/FILE

- 1 [AO 24-85](#) Authorizing the Library to reallocate \$1,328 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
- 2 [AO 24-86](#) Reallocating \$200,000 from General Professional Services to EAMS capital project and transfer \$450,000 from materials to services.
Received and Filed
- 3 [AO 24-87](#) Amending the financing and spending plans in the Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity Department to correctly align with department spending.
Received and Filed
- 4 [AO 24-88](#) Approving the 2024 general fund budget for the Fire Department to more accurately record expenditures.
Received and Filed

ROLL CALL

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

Absent 1 - Councilmember Saura Jost

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 Noecker moved approval.

Consent Agenda adopted

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Jost

- 5 [RES 24-1788](#) Approving the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation for the application submitted by Sweeney's LLC (License ID# 20240001827), d/b/a Sweeney's Saloon, for Liquor On Sale - 181-290 seats, Liquor On Sale - Sunday, Liquor On Sale - 2AM Closing, Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (Patio), Entertainment (B), and Tobacco Shop licenses, located at 96 Dale Street North.
- Adopted**
- 6 [RES 24-1801](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during September 9 to 20, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 21, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 5, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2509R, Assessment No. 258514)
- Adopted**
- 7 [RES 24-1802](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during September 4 to 30, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 21, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 5, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2508T, Assessment No. 258517)
- Adopted**
- 8 [RES 24-1803](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Rubbish and Garbage Clean Up services during September 23 to October 4, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 21, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 5, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2510R, Assessment No. 258516)

Adopted

- 9 [RES 24-1804](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Tall Grass and Weed Removal services during October 1 to 19, 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 21, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 5, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2509T, Assessment No. 258518)

Adopted

- 10 [RES 24-1805](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Miscellaneous Abatement services during July to October 2024, and setting date of Legislative Hearing for January 21, 2025 and City Council public hearing for March 5, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. J2501A, Assessment No. 258521)

Adopted

- 11 [RES 24-1837](#) Approving an amendment to the agreement with HOURCAR for the operation of the Shared Electric Vehicle Fleet.

Adopted

- 12 [RES 24-1846](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during July to September 2024, and setting date of legislative hearing for January 2, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 12, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2501A1, Assessment No. 250111)

Adopted

- 13 [RES 24-1848](#) Approving the City's cost of providing Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for service during July to September 2024, and setting date of legislative hearing for January 2, 2025 and City Council public hearing for February 12, 2025 to consider and levy the assessments against individual properties. (File No. CG2501A2, Assessment No. 250112)

Adopted

- 14 [RES 24-1852](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation to apply for \$500 in grant funds, with no match required of the City, from the St. Clements Faith Action Team.

Adopted

- 15 [RES 24-1853](#) Authorizing the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Saint Paul Public Library Agency, and Human Resources to apply for funds, in an amount up to \$500,000 with no match required of the City, from the Minnesota Office of Restorative Practices for the Restorative Practices Initiatives Grant Program to imbed restorative practices into internal and external policies and operations throughout Saint Paul.

Adopted

- 16 [RES 24-1860](#) Authorizing the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory to accept funding for two representatives to attend the annual Empathy Summit for the Advancing Conservation through Empathy for Wildlife Network, to be held in Seattle, Washington on February 11 and 12 of 2025.
Adopted
- 17 [RES 24-1861](#) Supporting the Port Authority's acquisition of the former Kmart site, 245 Maryland Avenue East.
Adopted
- 18 [RES 24-1875](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 1 and city-wide Neighborhood Star Year-Round program for Sssdude-Nutz dba The Donut Trap.
Adopted
- 19 [RES 24-1891](#) Approving the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2025 January Wage and Fringe Adjustment (January 1, 2025) for the Sprinkler Fitters Local Union No. 417.
Laid over to January 8, 2025
- 20 [RES 24-1893](#) Approving the use of grant funds through the Ward 2 Neighborhood STAR Year-Round Program for St. Paul Public Works.
Adopted
- 21 [RES 24-1768](#) Approving the revised Wage and Benefit Policy for Non-Represented Management and Legislative Personnel.
Adopted

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

FOR DISCUSSION

- 22 [ABZA 24-4](#) Considering the appeal of Benegas Properties, LLC to a decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals denying two variance requests to construct a new multiple family dwelling on the property at 1963 Grand Avenue. (Public hearing closed and laid over from December 11, 2024)
Council President Jalali moved intent to grant the appeal and spoke in favor.
Motion of intent is to grant the appeal
Yea: 6 - Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Noecker

SUSPENSION ITEMS

[RES 24-1910](#)

Approving an amended subordination of a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to the Dayton's Bluff Construction Training Center (District 4, Ward 7).

Councilmember Johnson moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

[RES 24-1937](#)

Authorizing the Department of Safety and Inspections ("DSI") to enter into a Settlement Agreement with Khaled Aloul on behalf of Maryland One Stop Food & Fuel Market, Inc., d/b/a Maryland Amoco/BP Market Place ("Licensee").

Councilmember Yang moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

RECONSIDERATION

Councilmember Bowie moved to reconsider RES PH 24-288.

Rules suspended for reconsideration

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

Nay: 0

[RES PH 24-288](#)

Amending the West Side Flats Comprehensive Plan at 10 River Park Plaza.

Councilmember Noecker moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Jalali and Councilmember Bowie

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

- 23 [Ord 24-18](#) Establishing the classification titled Senior Legislative Aide in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the City Charter (must be approved by Civil Service Commission after adoption by City Council but prior to Mayor signature).

Council President Jalali spoke in favor and moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

- 24 [Ord 24-30](#) Establishing the classification titled Chief Policy Analyst in the unclassified service pursuant to Section 12.03.2(H) of the City Charter (must be approved by Civil Service Commission after adoption by City Council but prior to Mayor signature).

Council President Jalali moved approval.

Adopted

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

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

- 25 [Ord 24-40](#) Amending Section 220.05 of the Legislative Code to set rates for base level garbage service to be effective April 1, 2025.

Councilmember Johnson moved to close the public hearing.

Laid over to January 8, 2025 for Final Adoption

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

Nay: 0

- 26 [RES PH 24-286](#) Approving the final (combined) plat at 2254 and 2260 Edgumbe Road.
- Councilmember Jost moved approval.*
- Adopted**
- Yea:** 7 - Councilmember Noecker, Councilmember Jalali, Councilmember Yang, Councilmember Kim, Councilmember Bowie, Councilmember Jost and Councilmember Johnson
- Nay:** 0
- 27 [RES PH 24-305](#) Moving \$556,879 from 2024 Library General and Special funds to the Library Agency's Transforming Libraries construction and renovation project.
- Councilmember Jost spoke in favor 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 DISCUSSION ITEM

- 28 [RLH CO 24-10](#) Appeal of Jerry Brashier to a Correction Notice at 511 MINNEHAHA AVENUE EAST. (Public hearing closed and laid over from December 11, 2024)
- Granted to February 1, 2025 for compliance.*
- Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer: I recommend changing the resolution to grant until February 1, 2025.*
- Councilmember Noecker: I move approval of that recommendation.*
- Adopted as amended (granted to February 1, 2025)**
- 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 Kim 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

- 29** [RLH VO 24-37](#) Appeal of Amber Duncan to a Notice of Condemnation as Unfit for Human Habitation and Order to Vacate at 973 FRONT AVENUE.
Amended and public hearing continued to January 8, 2025
- 30** [RLH RR 24-36](#) Fourth Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 939 CHARLES AVENUE in Council File RLH RR 24-6. (Public hearing continued to December 18, 2024)
Adopted as amended
- 31** [RLH RR 24-50](#) Making finding on the appealed substantial abatement ordered for 706 CONWAY STREET in Council File RLH RR 24-15.
Adopted
- 32** [RLH VO 24-35](#) Appeal of James Swartwood to a Correction Notice-Reinspection Complaint (which includes condemnation) at 735 COOK AVENUE EAST.
Adopted
- 33** [RLH SAO 24-82](#) Appeal of Joseph Richardson to a Summary Abatement Order and a Vehicle Abatement Order at 1875 NORTH PARK DRIVE. (December 17, 2024 Legislative Hearing)
Referred to January 7, 2025 Legislative Hearing
- 34** [RLH RR 24-55](#) Referring to City Council of a potential stay of enforcement of demolition for Tom Radio, representing Allstate BK Real Estate Holdings, Ltd, for property at 455 ROBERT STREET SOUTH.

Adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting ended at 3:51 PM

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