

**City of North Saint Paul**  
**April 04, 2023**  
**Approved Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Monge called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Member Cole  
Council Member Schweer  
Council Member Wong  
Council Member Nordby  
Mayor Monge

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to the City Manager Jennie Kloos,  
Communications Staff Kari Erpenbach, City Attorney Soren Mattick

**IV. ADOPT AGENDA**

***On motion by Council Member Wong, seconded by Council Member Cole, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.***

**V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

***On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Nordby, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda, Resolution No. 2023-145 consisting of:***

- A. March 21, 2023 workshop meeting minutes
- B. March 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes
- C. General Claims \$674,182.97
- D. HRA Claims \$3,553.71
- E. 2019 Bobcat S595 Repairs

**VI. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC**

***John Schmahl*** commented on nursing homes and the need to increase the employee wages in the next few years, or there will be shortage on employees. This comment was followed with the request for money to the legislature on repairs to a City building.

## **VII. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **A. Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 2022-36 Pertaining to Meals-Per Diem**

City Manager Brian Frandle reviewed this item and provided background information on Resolution No. 2022-36. He is asking the Council to consider rescinding the old per diem amount and adopt a new resolution with current meal per diem amounts. Mr. Frandle noted using the GSA.gov website will make the process easier.

***On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to adopt Resolution No. 2023-146, Rescinding Resolution No. 2002-36 Pertaining to Meals-Per Diem.***

## **VIII. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS**

Mr. Frandle provided an update from the staff meeting. He also noted the Electric Department's short loss of power with the last storm. Mayor Monge expressed his appreciation for the Electric Department's fast response and the Public Works Department for the continual snow removal. He noted that electricity and plumbing have been installed at the student-built house and the new accountant will start on Monday.

## **IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES**

Council Member Cole noted the next EDA meeting is April 11, 2023.

Council Member Wong stated the Arts and Culture Commission's paint and sip event had 5 or 6 attendees and the subgroup is working on utility box wraps. Their next meeting is tomorrow.

Council Member Nordby stated the next Planning Commission meeting will be this Thursday.

## **X. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Council Member Nordby noted the Ramsey County bi-annual budget listening session will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> and attendees can participate in person or via zoom.

Council Member Wong commented on the multitude of North St. Paul bills that have been heard so far and wished everyone a Happy Easter and Ramadan.

Council Member Cole attended the Silver Lake Association meeting, which has been turned over to Mayor Monge. He noted there is a funding request at the legislature for the community center and there was great engagement from the senate committee. He added there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Hang Time Board Shop in May.

Mayor Monge attended the Silver Lake Association meeting and added he reached out to neighboring mayors to improve the swimming area and walking path around the lake.

## XI. ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Nordby, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Monge adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.*

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk