

City of North Saint Paul
June 18, 2024
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 Nordby
Council Member Schweer absent
Council Member Cole
Council Member Wong
Mayor Monge

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to the City Manager Jennie Kloos,
Community Development Director Riley Grams, Communications Coordinator
Ava Griemert and City Attorney Soren Mattick.

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Nordby, seconded by Council Member Cole, with all present voting aye (4-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Utility Box Art Competition Winner

Council Member Wong congratulated Julie Xiong on her win and presented her with a certificate. Ms. Xiong described the meaning behind her art for the utility wrap.

B. SSmith – Development Proposal – 2393 Margaret St.

Stephanie and Cameron Smith presented this item and explained the history of North St. Paul. They introduced themselves and briefed the City Council on their partnerships, capital, networking, and support for this project.

Ms. Smith described the proposal as a mixed use, and timeline goals with construction to begin in spring of 2025. She explained the construction and development cost, site plan, under the building parking, and commercial lots.

Mayor Monge inquired about possible concern with sound due to it being across the street from City Hall/ Fire and Police.

Council Member Wong inquired about a potential opportunity for different commercial spaces and how to best utilize those spaces.

Council Member Nordby noted the letter of intent would have to come at a later date due to the City's past practices.

The Council encouraged the development team to present this at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Ms. Smith inquired about a sooner, private meeting. City Attorney Soren Mattick explained the meeting would have to be open to the public. Ms. Smith inquired about a timeline of dates as to keep the project on time.

City Manager Brian Frandle stated he would work with the Planning Commission on setting up a special meeting and would be in contact with them.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Cole requested that Consent Agenda Item I be removed and addressed under City Business.

On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Nordby, with all present voting aye (4-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda as amended, Resolution No. 2024-065 consisting of:

- A. June 4, 2024 workshop meeting minutes
- B. June 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes
- C. General Claims \$1,156,825.88
- D. HRA Claims \$8,956.17
- E. Declaration of Surplus – Fire Department
- F. Resolution Accepting Donations – May 2024 ***Resolution No. 2024-066***
- G. Liquor License Renewals ***Resolution No. 2024-067***
- H. Approval of New Tobacco License ***Resolution No. 2024-068***
- I. Special Event Permit – Neumann's Vintage Speakeasy Inc. **Moved to City Business**
- J. LMCIT Waiver for the Economic Development Authority Liability Insurance
Resolution No. 2024-069

VII. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

John Schmahl expressed his pleasure with Council Member Nordby for changing park hours at Casey Lake after the incident and noted the missing signs for the temporary time change. He also noted the lack of sidewalk at the intersection Buhl and Mesabi Avenues.

Kari Blees stated her opinion on the sidewalk on Lake Boulevard and expressed her appreciation for the conversation regarding the community center.

VIII. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Special Event Permit – Neumann’s Vintage Speakeasy Inc. (formerly Consent Agenda Item No. I)

Council Member Cole requested this item be pulled and for further information and discussion.

Mr. Frandle and Community Development Director Riley Grams also had a concern regarding the liquor license and if liquor would be served outside of the boundary. Mr. Grams stated he will check their liquor license and get back to City Council. He also expressed his concern regarding the continuance of dates through the end of 2024.

Council Member Cole suggested more information on this before approving.

Council Member Wong inquired about a possible conditional approval. City Attorney Mattick suggested getting answers to the questions and tabling it until the next meeting in July.

On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Wong, with Mayor Monge and Council Members Wong and Cole voting aye and Council Member Nordby voting nay, (3-1), motion carried to table this item until the first meeting in July 2024.

IX. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Frandle noted the budget meetings will move on to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) after the July 4th holiday. The Electric Department is placing conduit into the ground on Jennifer Lane and have looked at the Taco Bell site. Public Works continues clean up and trying to mow with the wet weather we’ve been having. The open house for the student built house will be soon and the City will have a Mechanic starting on Monday. He noted that Hause Park will have nets in soon for pickle ball.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Wong stated the Arts and Culture Commission completed a lot of work around the Snowy event and thanked the members and City staff. She also included a map to find all of the Snowy’s. They continue to work on the utility box wraps and the next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2024.

Council Member Nordby noted the Planning Commissions’ discussions are always enlightening and engaging.

Mayor Monge mentioned the newest members of the EDA and stated the EDA discussed possibly meeting approximately every 3 months and the opening of Lillie Building in the fall.

Mr. Frandle introduced and welcomed new Communications Coordinator, Ava Griemert.

XI. GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Member Wong referenced the invitation for the completion of the South Shore Lake trail and mentioned a Happy Juneteenth.

Council Member Cole noted the great Snowy event and offered a hats off to the Project Snowy.

Mayor Monge also commented on the great and well-attended Snowy Reveal event and noted the Premier Snowy went in to Northwood Park today.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (4-0), Mayor Monge adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk