

City of North Saint Paul
February 4, 2025
Approved City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Monge called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Nordby
Council Member Woods
Council Member McKenzie
Council Member Schweer
Mayor Monge

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to the City Manager Jennie Kloos, Electric Director John Wick, Public Works Director Ron Ritchie, Public Works Superintendent Randy Miller

III. ADOPT AGENDA

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

IV. TOPICS

A. Electric Department Update

Electric Director John Wick presented this item and provided a brief history and current staffing level of the Electric Department. Mr. Wick reviewed the department's territory and discussed renewable energy sources, conservation improvement programs, eco kit bags, energy-saving kits, holiday lighting, smart meters, and air purifiers. He reviewed the challenges and short and long-term goals of the Electric Department.

Mayor Monge inquired about the process for residential underground wiring. Mr. Wick explained the cost per property to install underground wiring.

B. Public Works Department Update

Public Works Director Ron Ritchie presented the Public Works Department update and discussed current staffing levels and goals. Mr. Ritchie reviewed the street project prioritization system, snowplowing, and street sweeping. He reviewed the parks, water and water meters, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and the downtown district's snow removal process. He also updated the Council on the continued removal of emerald ash trees and the remaining grant funds for the removal.

Mr. Ritchie provided a sample daily worksheet and stated current staffing levels are sustainable. Council Member McKenzie suggested contacting colleges for additional help within the Public Works Department.

V. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council Member Nordby, seconded by Council Member Woods, with all present voting aye (5-0), meeting is adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk