

City of North Saint Paul
January 7, 2025
Approved Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

I. OATH OF OFFICE

A. Council Member McKenzie and Council Member Woods

City Manager Brian Frandle read and presented the oath of office to newly elected Council Members McKenzie and Woods.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Monge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

III. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to the City Manager Jennie Kloos, Finance Director Dan Winek, and City Attorney Jack Brooksbank.

V. ADOPT AGENDA

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

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Schweer, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda, Resolution No. 2025-01 consisting of:

- A. December 17, 2024, workshop meeting minutes
- B. December 23, 2024, special city council meeting minutes
- C. General Claims \$687,880.36
- D. HRA Claims \$811.98
- E. Resolution Approving Appointment to the Economic Development Authority
Resolution No. 2024-002
- F. Reappointment to the Police Civil Service Commission **Resolution No. 2024-003**
- G. 2025 City Council Appointments **Resolution No. 2024-004**

- H. 2025 Annual Resolutions
 - Investment Committee – ***Resolution No. 2025-005***
 - Official Depository – ***Resolution No. 2025-006***
 - City Attorney Retainer – ***Resolution No. 2025-007***
 - Legal Newspaper for Publication – ***Resolution No. 2025-008***
- I. North Suburban Access Professional and Technical Services Agreement
- J. Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District Memorandum of Understanding for Removal of Sediment in North St. Paul Pond 9
- K. Approve the 2024 MMPA Weighted Member Voting Amendment ***Resolution No. 2024-009***

VII. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Dean Mathison noted the continued traffic concern on McKnight Road. Mayor Monge noted Mr. Frandle will meet with Police Chief Rozales to discuss this further.

John Schmahl suggested communicating with residents in person regarding multi-million-dollar projects and expressed his frustration with the lack of code enforcement.

VIII. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. December 23, 2024, Closed Session Summary of Performance Review of City Manager, Brian Frandle

City Attorney Jack Brooksbank read the Closed Session summary.

On motion by Council Member McKenzie, seconded by Council Member Nordby, with all present voting aye (5-0), motion carried to approve the December 23, 2024, Closed Session summary of City Manager Brian Frandle's performance review.

IX. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Frandle provided updates from Departments. He stated the Electric Department has been busy with line clearing and pole inspections. The Finance Department continues to work with the auditors and the Community Development Department has been busy with cannabis registration information. The Public Works Department completed three hockey rinks and noted lights on those rinks are on from 4:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. The Fire Department should have their new truck back mid-summer and code compliance continues to work on parking concerns. The Police Department had over 7,000 calls for service in 2024 and held interviews last week.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Schweer stated the next Park and Recreation meeting will be held on January 22, 2025.

Council Member Nordby noted the Planning Commission met on January 2nd and discussed approving the 2024 CIP items and suggested moving that discussion to May or June.

Mayor Monge noted the EDA met in December and approved quarterly meetings for 2025. The net meeting will be held in March.

XI. GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Member Schweer welcomed the new Council Members.

Council Member Nordby stated to new members, McKenzie and Woods, that City staff are very helpful and would answer any questions if needed.

Council Member Woods thanked everyone for their support.

Council Member McKenzie also thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Monge expressed his support for the new and returning City Council Members.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Woods, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (5-0), Mayor Monge adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk