

City of North Saint Paul
May 20, 2025
Approved Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

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

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

IV. ADOPT AGENDA

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

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Tom Spehn Recognition

Tom Spehn was recognized for his work, dedication, and ability to create partnerships with students and contractors with the City of North St. Paul student-built house program. Mr. Spehn thanked the City for its support over the years.

B. Proclamation: Memorial Day

City Manager Brian Frandle read and proclaimed May 26, 2025, Memorial Day in the City of North St. Paul.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Woods requested that Consent Agenda Item J be moved to City Business.

On motion by Council Member Schweer, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (4-0), motion carried to approve the consent agenda as amended, Resolution No. 2025-047 consisting of:

- A. May 6, 2025 workshop and regular meeting minutes
- B. General Claims \$1,850,345.90
- C. HRA Claims \$40,620.28
- D. Acceptance of the 2024 Financial Reports that were audited by the City's Audit Firm of LB Carlson, LLP
- E. Resolution Accepting Donations – April 2025 **Resolution No. 2025-048**
- F. Building Permit Report – April 2025
- G. Approve Consumption and Display Permit – The Garter Toss **Resolution No. 2025-049**
- H. Gambling Premises Permit – White Bear Avenue Business Association **Resolution No. 2025-050**
- I. Tree Bush Grinding and Removal Services
- J. Ramsey County Sheriff Emergency Response Teams Joint Powers Agreement **Moved to City Business**
- K. Metro-INET Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Data Center and Agreement
- L. Management Services Agreement between the City of North St. Paul and Triple Crown Batting Cages

VII. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC

Dennis Bartholomew requested a \$170 reimbursement for a tax court filing fee.

VIII. CITY BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Ramsey County Sheriff Emergency Response Teams Joint Powers Agreement (formerly Consent Agenda Item J)

Council Member Woods requested that this item be pulled for further clarification on the cost increase of this agreement. Mr. Frandle provided clarification and noted this agreement also allows opportunities for Police Department staff to take on other roles.

On motion by Council Member Woods, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye, (4-0), motion carried to approve participation of the North St. Paul Police Department as amended and restated Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Maplewood, the City of White Bear Lake, the City of Mounds View, the City of New Brighton, the City of North Saint Paul, the City of Roseville, the City of Saint Anthony, the City of Oakdale, the Metro Transit Police Department, and the County of Ramsey.

IX. REPORTS OF CITY MANAGER AND DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Frandle stated the Police Department has completed more interviews, and the new Detective and Community Service Officer have started. The Finance Department wrapped up its audit and will begin the process of budgeting for 2026 and the Fire Department continues training and will receive its new engine in July. He noted that clean-up day went well, staff will look at ways to improve the process, and street reconstruction project will begin June 1st.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Council Member Woods stated the Arts and Culture Commission will continue with their projects and noted the park clean-up went well.

Council Member McKenzie noted the EDA will meet on June 10th to discuss the City façade program.

Council Member Schweer stated the park clean-up days were successful, and their next meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

XI. GENERAL BUSINESS

Council Member Woods participated in the spring clean-up and discussed potential improvements.

Council Member McKenzie also attended the clean-up days.

Council Member Schweer helped with the well-attended clean-up days.

Mayor Monge commented on the meeting with local bars and discussed summer plans.

Mr. Frandle added he has contacted the Police Department regarding overnight parking of commercial and private vehicles.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on motion by Council Member Woods, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (4-0), Mayor Monge adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk