

City of North Saint Paul
January 20, 2026
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, Finance Director Dan Winek, Community Development Director Ken Roberts, Police Chief Ray Rozales, Public Works Director Ron Ritchie, and Public Works Supervisor Randy Miller

III. ADOPT AGENDA

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

IV. TOPICS

A. History Cruiser's Car Show Discussion

City Manager Brian Frandle noted that representatives from the car show were unable to attend the meeting. He provided a brief overview of prior discussions regarding the History Cruiser's Car Show and acknowledged inconsistencies between comments made by car show members and city staff. Mr. Frandle stated that meetings between the two groups had previously taken place and were productive. He explained that, due to various factors, hosting the event every Friday had become increasingly demanding for the organizers, leading the group to decide to hold the car show every other Friday instead. He added that car show members had also raised concerns related to safety, security, and costs.

Council Member Woods expressed his sympathy with the members' concerns. Mayor Monge reiterated similar sentiments and suggested other family-friendly options on Fridays when the car show is not running.

Council Member McKenzie inquired how the City Council could help with the safety and security concerns, especially surrounding parking. Council Member McKenzie suggested putting a safety plan in place without negatively affecting businesses and neighbors.

Council Member Schweer asked about the car show members' views on working with city staff. Mr. Frandle reported that, based on his discussions with the group, they indicated the city had been easy to work with.

The City Council discussed a variety of options regarding the open Fridays. Possible options are other car shows, free music shows, farmer's market, vendors, and a potential Art and Culture Commission collaboration.

Mr. Frandle stated the City can offer free music, but all other options would require a permit and insurance.

Council Member Woods suggested reaching out to surrounding cities for information. Mr. Frandle recommended retaining an event coordinator, outside of city staff, to promote weekend events.

V. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council Member Schweer, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (5-0), meeting is adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk