

City of North Saint Paul
April 21, 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 absent
Council Member McKenzie
Council Member Schweer 5:23 p.m.
Mayor Monge

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to City Manager Jennie Kloos, Public Works Director Ron Ritchie, Public Works Supervisor Randy Miller, and City Engineer Morgan Dawley

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Nordby, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (3-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

IV. TOPICS

A. Century College Presentation of Student Built Home Interior Design

Catherine Harrington, from Century College, introduced her interior design students. The students designed two units as a twin home and described the exterior, floor plan, color pallets, lighting, kitchen cabinets, cupboards, and flooring of each unit. The students expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to design the twin homes. Tom Leuskau, with St. Paul College, provided an overview of the contracting and construction update of the twin homes.

B. Lead Water Service Line Inventory Program Update

City Engineer Morgan Dawley and Justin Babcock, engineer at WSB, presented this item and reviewed information coming from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding lead water service lines. Mr. Babcock stated the program is mostly funded by grants, with availability for future grants, furthering the inventory process and potential pipe replacement.

Mr. Babcock described the LSL program (lead service line) and how the pipelines are categorized. He discussed the program's long-term goals, advanced infrastructure management of water service lines, public engagements, plat analysis, in-person inspections, and GIS updates. He provided completed inspection data during 2024 and 2025. He stated the next step in the process would be to replace the lead or galvanized pipelines with a proposed hydro excavating approach that has little impact on residents or properties.

Mr. Babcock stated that if the three-year contract is approved, pipeline replacements will be completed in a three-phased approach.

Council Member Nordby inquired if the pipeline replacement could tie into the road projects. Mr. Babcock and Mr. Dawley stated yes, and that they will also look at pipelines during all road projects. City Manager Brian Frandle noted there is program funding for 2027 and will find out future funding in the fall. Mr. Dawley stated he will update the City's website to provide the most current information. He will also provide a map of pipeline locations for City Council members.

V. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council Member Schweer, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (4-0), meeting is adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager/ Clerk