

**City of North Saint Paul**  
**July 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 arrived at 5:28 p.m.  
Council Member Woods  
Council Member McKenzie  
Council Member Schweer arrived at 5:26 p.m.  
Mayor Monge

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to the City Manager Jennie Kloos, Finance Director Dan Winek, Public Works Director Ron Ritchie

**III. ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**IV. TOPICS**

**A. 2027 Levy Budgets**

Finance Director Dan Winek presented this item and explained that the General Fund Budget covers the City's basic services. He noted that department heads have met with Mr. Winek and City Manager Brian Frandle and submitted their budgets. He stated that infrastructure will be a big goal in 2027. He provided a fiscal review and the financial forecast for 2027. Mr. Winek described the financial accomplishments and capital highlights of the City from 2023-2025.

He detailed the 2027 proposed 6% levy increase, which will continue to fund the capital improvement plan. He showed the EDA budget and noted the budget reduction of approximately \$40,000. He stated the EDA's budget reduction will still cover all expenses for 2027.

Council Member Schweer expressed her concern about the budget reduction from the EDA alone and suggested researching other ways to cut \$40,000 from the general fund budget. She also inquired about clarification on the EDA's budget items. Mr. Frandle noted that some of the budget items include the parking lot improvement, the façade improvement program, and potential rooftop projects. Mr. Frandle also added that the reduction from the EDA is a one-time option and would be looked at each year.

Mr. Winek described the debt levy for 2027 based upon the bond schedule. He detailed the 2027 proposed general fund budget by revenue and expenditures and described the 2027 proposed

levies for HRA and EDA. He noted the August 18<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting will discuss the other funds and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Council Member Woods noted the inability to review each department's budget plan for the upcoming year and the difficult decision to approve reductions without all the information from each department.

Council Member Nordby clarified that budget details that are provided to the state are given in dollar amounts. Mr. Winek reviewed fiscal disparities and how it affect residents property taxes.

Mr. Winek stated he will review others options on reducing the proposed \$40,000 to the 2027 budget and bring it back to City Council for review.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT.**

***On motion by Council Member Woods, seconded by Council Member McKenzie, with all present voting aye (5-0), meeting is adjourned at 6:05 p.m.***

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk