



**City of North St. Paul
Special City Council
Budget Meeting Agenda**

**August 16, 2021
5:00 PM**

The Special City Council Budget Meeting will be conducted on **August 16, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. The meeting location is the City Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 2400 Margaret St., North St. Paul.

The City Council will also be meeting by interactive TV under Minn. Stat. 13D.02. Members of the public are permitted to attend the meeting in person, however, it is encouraged to participate in the meeting remotely. Instructions can be found below.

The **August 16, 2021** Zoom meeting can be accessed HERE or via:

<https://tinyurl.com/NSPCityCouncil> (from a PC, Mac, tablet, iPhone or Android device)

Meeting ID: 821 4097 2224

Password: 362656 or by phone at 1-929-205-6099, meeting ID 821 4097 2224, password 362656.

You can also watch the meeting on our YouTube channel here tinyurl.com/NSPYouTube

The City Council Zoom meeting will be 'open to the public' to listen in but will be muted from contributing at all times with the exception of a Public Hearing and open to the public forum.

Please join the meeting early to test your audio and video settings.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Council Member Thorsen
Council Member Petersen
Council Member Wong
Council Member Cole
Mayor Furlong

III. Adopt Agenda

IV. City Business Action Items & Recommendations

- A. 2022 Budget Discussion
- B. Set date for next budget meeting

V. Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is August 17, 2021.

**To**

Honorable Mayor Furlong and City Council

Date

August 16, 2021

Agenda Placement # IV.A

City Business Action Items & Recommendations

Subject

2022 Budget Discussion

Background/Facts

Credit needs to be given to the Mayor and City Council in the development and approval of the 2021 budget during the unprecedented times of the Covid 19 pandemic. As the economy was slowing down and the unemployment rate rising, North St. Paul officials put the residents first and approved a zero percent levy increase.

As we are fully aware, the pandemic isn't over and the future is still uncertain. However, fueled by vaccinations and government aid, the U.S. economy grew at a solid 6.5% annual rate in the 2nd quarter of 2021 is another sign that the nation has achieved a sustained recovery from the pandemic recession. The total size of the economy has now surpassed its pre-pandemic level. For now, the economy is showing sustained strength. Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady at 4.0% in June while nationally, the unemployment rate rose one-tenth of a percentage point in June to 5.9%.

Again, the 2022 budget presents the challenge of balancing the welfare of our residents with the short and long-term budget decisions and its impact.

The 2022 budgeting approach is to engage City Council on direction during the planning phase to build a collaborative budget that will meet the needs of the residents.

In all, the City Manager seeks to present a budget that is a fiscally responsible plan that strikes a balance between the needs of the organization and the interest of the taxpayer. As we go through the budgeting process, the following budgetary principals will continue to guide in recommendations:

- Making budget decisions acknowledging both the short and long-term impacts
- Stabilizing revenues and expenditures, and eliminating unanticipated variances
- Funding operations at a level to provide quality services at a reasonable cost
- Maintaining structural balance and appropriate fund balance levels

- Considering additional investments when they help achieve City's goals and provide a significant return to the community
- Seeking to make a connection between resources and results

On May 18, 2021, the preliminary budget was presented and focused on funds that are supported by tax dollars/Local Government Aid (this excluded utility and internal service funds). At that time, the proposed tax levy was \$6,033,847; a \$542,401 or 9.9% increase from 2021. Based upon your recommendations to reduce the levy request, staff worked with department heads to reduce the budget.

This workshop will again focus on the funds that are supported by tax dollars/Local Government Aid. We will show you where we are with the budget and seek further direction. The 2022 budget can be found by opening the following link:

<https://stories.opengov.com/northstpaulmn/published/Pp1LtmRws>

This comprehensive document includes narratives and charts relating to historical budgets, levies, and market values.

Recommendation:

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Winek, Finance Director



To

Honorable Mayor Furlong and City Council

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Agenda Placement # IV.B

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Subject

Set date for next budget meeting

Background/Facts

Recommendation:

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,