



SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jimmy Francis called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 15th, 2025..

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Todd Podgorski, Matt Thompson, Joe Kaliszewski, Jimmy Francis, Pam Bakken, Lori Hansen

Absent: Tom Seaberg

Staff Present:

Ryan Garcia, City Administrator

Kori Land, City Attorney

Deanna Werner, City Clerk

Brian Wicke, Chief of Police

Monica Miller, Associate City Planner

Kelsey Gelhar, City Engineer

3. INVOCATION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Town Square Television - South St. Paul Highlight Reel and 2025-2026 Updates

B. Lead Service Line Replacement Project Update

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Comments are limited to 3 minutes in length.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

8. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are items, which are considered routine and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the governing body or citizen, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered at the end of the Consent Agenda.

A. City Council Meeting Minutes of December 1st, 2025 and Work Session Minutes of December 8th, 2025

B. Accounts Payable

- C. Business Licenses
 - D. Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety
 - E. ~~Disposition of Central Square Community Center Special Revenue Fund~~ — Removed
 - F. Approve 2026 Community Waste Abatement Grant Agreement
 - G. 2026 Seasonal Hourly Pay Range
 - H. ~~Approve Bargaining Agreement between the City of South St. Paul and AFSCME Council 5, Local 2535~~ - Removed
 - I. Approve Bargaining Agreement between the City of South St. Paul and LELS, Local 95
 - J. Approve Bargaining Agreement between the City of South St. Paul and the Supervisory Association
 - K. Approve Bargaining Agreement between the City of South St. Paul and Teamsters Local 120
 - L. Approve Wage Adjustments for Non-Union Staff for 2026 and 2027
 - M. Approve Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for 205 Hardman Avenue South
 - N. Marie Avenue Reconstruction Project Phase 2 – Approve a proposal with Bolton & Menk, Inc. for final design assistance
 - O. Approve Proposal for Professional Services from Urban Ecosystems for Design of Public Improvements in the Hardman Triangle Redevelopment Area
- Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Pam Bakken
 Moved: To consent agenda as presented.
 Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- A. (Consent Item E.) Disposition of Central Square Community Center Special Revenue Fund
 - Moved by: Pam Bakken / Lori Hansen
 - Moved: To Approve (Consent Item E.) Disposition of Central Square Community Center Special Revenue Fund
 - Vote: 4 ayes / 2 nays, motion Passed
- B. (Consent Item H). Approve Bargaining Agreement between the City of South St. Paul and AFSCME Council 5, Local 2535
 - Moved by: Lori Hansen / Pam Bakken
 - Moved: To approve (Consent Item H). Approve Bargaining Agreement between the City of South St. Paul and AFSCME Council 5, Local 2535
 - Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays, Council Member Thompson abstained, motion Passed

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2026 Liquor License Renewal

Moved by: Pam Bakken / Todd Podgorski

Moved: To Approve Resolution 2025-153, 2026 Liquor License Renewal

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Second Reading: Ordinance Repealing the Shoreland District and Adding Impervious Surface Standards to MRCCA

Moved by: Lori Hansen / Matt Thompson

Moved: To Approve Ordinance 1437, Repealing the Shoreland District and Adding Impervious Surface Standards to MRCCA

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

B. Appointment of Councilmembers to Boards and Commissions

Moved by: Lori Hansen / Joe Kaliszewski

Moved: To approve the appointment of Mayor Francis to the South Metro Fire Board for 2026.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

Moved by: Matt Thompson / Pam Bakken

Moved: To approve the appointment of Council Member Kaliszewski to the NDC4 Cable Commission for 2026.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

C. Consider Performance Payments pursuant to the Supervisory Association Contract

Moved by: Pam Bakken / Matt Thompson

Moved: To approve Performance Payments for the identified individuals, pursuant to the Supervisory Association Contract.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, Subd. 3(c) to review confidential or protected nonpublic appraisal data under Minnesota Statutes §13.44, subdivision 3 (a) and to consider offers to purchase real property at 130 and 134 Hardman Avenue North (No Attachment)

Moved by: Matt Thompson / Todd Podgorski

Moved: To Close Closed Session Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, Subd. 3(c) to review confidential or protected nonpublic appraisal data under Minnesota Statutes §13.44, subdivision 3 (a) and to consider offers to purchase real property at 130 and 134 Hardman Avenue North (No Attachment)

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

The meeting was closed at 8:38 PM and will only be reopened for the purpose of adjournment.

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Lori Hansen
Moved: To reopen the meeting
Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

The meeting reopened at 9:18 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Lori Hansen
Moved: To Adjourn
Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna Werner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

/s/: Deanna Werner
City Clerk