



SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jimmy Francis called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 20th, 2026.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Seaberg, Matt Thompson, Joe Kaliszewski, Jimmy Francis, Pam Bakken, Lori Hansen

Absent: Todd Podgorski

Staff Present:

Ryan Garcia, City Administrator

Cynthia Kirchoff, City Attorney

Deanna Werner, City Clerk

Brian Wicke, Chief of Police

Michael Healy, City Planner

Deb Griffith, Community Affairs

3. INVOCATION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Community Drive for Neighbors Inc.

B. Armour Gate Community Brick Project

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Comments are limited to 3 minutes in length.

Alma Foley

Shireen Bhatia

Christine Estee

Allison Westad

Bill Thornton

Heather Williams

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Matt Thompson

Moved: To approve agenda as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

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 January 5th, 2026 and Work Session Minutes of January 12th, 2026.
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Business Licenses
- D. Conditional Employment Offer - Police Officer(s)
- E. Approval of Grant Agreement for the 2026 Private Property Inflow and Infiltration Grant Program
- F. Approve Bid for Replacement of City Hall Roof Top Unit's
- G. Acceptance of a Polling Place Accessibility Grant from the Minnesota Office of Secretary of State.
- H. Approve Agreement with Conservation Corps of Minnesota & Iowa for Forestry Individual Placement Program
- I. Waive License Fees for SSP Lions associated with 2026 Community Festivals
- J. Approve Write-Off of the Outstanding Open Invoices to Damaged South St. Paul Property

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Pam Bakken

Moved: To approve Consent Agenda is approved as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Approval of 2026 - 2030 Capital Improvement Plan

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Matt Thompson

Moved: To approve Resolution 2026-010, 2026 - 2030 Capital Improvement Plan

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

- B. Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permits for AVR LLC Concrete Batch Plant Project at 400 Richmond Street East

Moved by: Pam Bakken / Matt Thompson

Moved: To Approve Resolution 2026-012, Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permits for AVR LLC Concrete Batch Plant Project at 400 Richmond Street East

Vote: 5 ayes / 1 nays, motion Passed

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Lori Hansen / Tom Seaberg

Moved: To Adjourn

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Deanna Werner

/s/: Deanna Werner
City Clerk