



SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jimmy Francis called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, March 16th, 2026.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Joe Kaliszewski, Todd Podgorski

Staff Present:

Ryan Garcia, City Administrator
Kori Land, 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. Northern Star Scouting
- B. Spring Recycling Activities
- C. Community Blood Drive
- D. Escape Hunger Food Drive Fundraiser

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Comments are limited to 3 minutes in length.

Shireen Bhatia
Mike Sabbann

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Matt Thompson
Moved: To approve the Agenda as presented.
Vote: 5 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. Meeting Minutes of:
 - March 2nd, 2026, City Council Meeting
 - March 9th, 2026, City Council Work Session
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Business Licenses
- D. ~~Acceptance of Gift Donations~~ — Removed for further discussion.
- E. Approve Plans and Specifications and Authorize Advertisement for Bids — Lead Service Line Replacement Project
- F. Approving an Interfund Loan to Support the HRA's Energy Performance Contract
- G. Declare Certain Property Surplus and Approve Donation
- H. Authorization for Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds
- I. Conditional Employment Offer - Community Service Officer
- J. Authorize Fiber Optic Cable Projects
- K. Authorization to Purchase Duty Issued Handguns and Holsters
- L. Authorize Purchase of Scheduled Replacement Computers and IT Equipment
- M. Accept Letter of Resignation
- N. Approve Plans & Specs and Authorize Bids — South St. Reconstruction Project
- O. Call for a Public Hearing to consider an On Sale/Sunday Intoxicating License at 1519 5th Ave S.
- P. Motion to Approve Job Description and Pay Range for Communications Specialist Position
- Q. Approve Job Description and Pay Range for Recreation Programmer Position and Internal Promotion
- R. Approval of Boards and Commissions Policy
- S. Approve Fourth Amendment to Preliminary Development Agreement
 - Moved by: Matt Thompson / Pam Bakken
 - Moved: To approve the Consent Agenda
 - Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Item D. Acceptance of Gift Donations removed for further discussion.

Moved by: Lori Hansen / Tom Seaberg

Moved: To Approve Acceptance of Gift Donations

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading - Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 155 (Designating Certain Property as a Library)

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Lori Hansen

Moved: To Approve Second Reading of Ordinance 1439, Repealing Ordinance No. 155 (Designating Certain Property as a Library)

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

- B. Approve Conveyance of Real Property at 106 Third Avenue North to the South St. Paul Economic Development Authority, Resolution 2026 - 35

Moved by: Matt Thompson / Pam Bakken

Moved: To Approve Conveyance of Real Property at 106 Third Avenue North to the South St. Paul Economic Development Authority, Resolution 2026 - 35

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

- C. Approve Conveyance of Real Property at 316 Malden Street to the South St. Paul Economic Development Authority, Resolution 2026 - 36

Moved by: Pam Bakken / Matt Thompson

Moved: To Approve Conveyance of Real Property at 316 Malden Street to the South St. Paul Economic Development Authority, Resolution 2026 - 36

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

- D. First Reading — An Ordinance Updating the Lawful Gambling Ordinance to Establish New Rules for Bingo Halls

Council Member Hansen offered for the first reading an Ordinance Updating the Lawful Gambling Ordinance to Establish New Rules for Bingo Halls.

- E. First Reading- Ordinance Amendment Updating Lot Coverage and Landscaping Regulations in Industrial Zoning Districts.

Council Member Tom Seaberg offered for the first reading an Ordinance Amendment Updating Lot Coverage and Landscaping Regulations in Industrial Zoning Districts.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Matt Thompson

Moved: To adjourn.

Vote: 5 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Deanna Werner

/s/: Deanna Werner
City Clerk