



SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jimmy Francis called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 6, 2026.

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

3. INVOCATION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mizpah Lodge #191 Annual Taco Feed

B. 5th Annual South St. Paul Environmental Resource Fair

C. 2026 Election Update

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Comments are limited to 3 minutes in length.

Shireen Bhatia

Heather Thornton

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Matt Thompson / Joe Kaliszewski

Moved: To approve the 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.

Resolved, the City Council of South St. Paul does hereby approve the following:

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026, and Work Session Minutes of March 23, 2026.
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Business Licenses
- D. Acceptance of Gift Donations
- E. Purchase of Police Vehicle
- F. Approve conditional offer of employment to S. Moua as Housing Office Specialist
- G. Approve conditional offer of employment to B. Brunette as Police Support Specialist
- H. Accept Bids and Award Contract - Verderosa Avenue Extension Project
- I. ~~Approval of Administrative Policy — Employee Service Recognition Program~~ *Removed for further discussion.*
- J. Approval of Administrative Policy - Public Purpose Expenditures
- K. ~~Approval of Administrative Policy — Personal Payment Accounts~~ *Removed for further discussion.*
- L. Accept Bids and Award Contract - Marie Avenue Reconstruction Project Phase 2
- M. Approve Amendment No. 3 with Kimley-Horn & Associates for Construction Inspection and Administration for the Verderosa Avenue Extension Project
- N. Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement with SEH for the Well No. 3 Water Treatment Plant
- O. Approve Land Lease with TAC-J Aviation, LLC at the Fleming Field Airport
- P. Accept Quotes and Award Contract - 2026 Airfield Pavement Maintenance (West) Project
- Q. Kaposia Park Disc Golf Operations Agreement with Gray Duck Disc Golf LLC
- R. Approve Right of Entry and Permanent Easements with Black Dog Properties, Inc. for the Verderosa Avenue Extension Project
- S. Approve Temporary Appointment — Police Department
 - Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Lori Hansen
 - Moved: To approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item I and Item K.
 - Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

A. Item 8-I Approval of Administrative Policy - Employee Service Recognition Program

Moved by: Lori Hansen / Joe Kaliszewski

Moved: To remove Item 8-I from consideration for approval and refer it to a Work Session for further discussion.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

B. Item 8-K Approval of Administrative Policy - Personal Payment Accounts

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Todd Podgorski

Moved: To Approve Item 8-K - Administrative Policy - Personal Payment Accounts

Vote: 5 ayes / 1 nays, motion Passed

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing to consider an On Sale/Sunday Intoxicating License at 1519 5th Ave S.

Moved by: Pam Bakken / Todd Podgorski

Moved: To Approve an On Sale/Sunday Intoxicating License at 1519 5th Ave S, Petey's BBQ

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Pam Bakken / Joe Kaliszewski

Moved: To Adjourn

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM



/s/: Deanna Werner
City Clerk