



SOUTH ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 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 20th, 2026.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Tom Seaberg, Todd Podgorski, Matt Thompson, Joe Kaliszewski, Jimmy Francis, Pam Bakken

Absent: Lori Hansen

Staff Present:

Ryan Garcia, City Administrator

Kori Land, City Attorney

Deanna Werner, City Clerk

Commander Mike Running

Michael Healy, City Planner

Kelsey Gelhar, City Engineer

Deb Griffith, Public Affairs

3. INVOCATION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Wellhead Protection Plan – Part 1 Amendment

B. South St. Paul River Beautification Project

C. Clark Grace United Church of Christ invitation to the Community

D. Plant-A-Thon Invitation

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Comments are limited to 3 minutes in length.

Shireen Bhatia

Matthew Fuller

Cassie Heckmann

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Pam Bakken

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.

- A. City Council Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026 and Work Session Minutes of April 13, 2026.
- B. Accounts Payable
- C. Business Licenses
- D. Acceptance of Gift Donations
- E. Joint Powers Agreement - Criminal Justice Network Board
- F. Approve Employment Offer to D. Quade as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement
- G. Conditional Employment Offer - Police Officer
- H. Approve Proposal for Construction Materials Testing - Marie Avenue Reconstruction Project Phase 2
- I. Approve Proposal for Construction Support Services - Marie Avenue Reconstruction Project Phase 2
- J. Final Payment for the Well No. 3 Water Treatment Plant (City Project No. 2023-011)
- K. Approval of Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) agreement for the Northview Aquatics Project
- L. Employee Service Recognition Program Policy
- M. Approve Encroachment Agreement for 557 8th Avenue South

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Pam Bakken

Moved: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

9. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Southview Shopping Center Sign Variance

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Matt Thompson

Moved: To Approve Resolution 2026-053, Southview Shopping Center Sign Variance

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

- B. Twin City Hide and Tanning PUD Extension

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Pam Bakken

Moved: To Approve Resolution 2026-054, Twin City Hide and Tanning PUD Extension

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

C. Retirement of the Residential Permit Parking Zones by McMorrow Field and Lorraine Park

Moved by: Tom Seaberg / Todd Podgorski

Moved: To Approve Resolution 2026-055, retiring residential permit parking by McMorrow Field.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

Moved by: Joe Kaliszewski / Matt Thompson

Moved: To Approve Resolution 2026-056, retirement of the residential permit parking zones by Lorraine Park.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

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

Moved by: Pam Bakken / Joe Kaliszewski

Moved: To Approve Ordinance 1440, an Ordinance Updating the Lawful Gambling Ordinance to Establish New Rules for Bingo Halls

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

E. Second Reading — Ordinance Amendment Updating Lot Coverage and Landscaping Regulations in Industrial Zoning Districts.

Moved by: Pam Bakken / Matt Thompson

Moved: To approve approval of Ordinance 1441, Updating Lot Coverage and Landscaping Regulations in Industrial Zoning Districts.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

F. First Reading: Ordinance Updating Zoning Requirements in the R-2 Single-and-Two Family Zoning District

Council Member Kaliszewski introduced for the first reading an Ordinance Updating Zoning Requirements in the R-2 Single-and-Two Family Zoning District.

12. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: None / Tom Seaberg

Moved: To Adjourn

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays, motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.



/s/: Deanna Werner
City Clerk