

**MINUTES
CITY OF SAINT PAUL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 13, 2025**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jacob Mercurief called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

II. ROLL CALL

CMs Present: Dan Porath, Joseph Kozloff, and Heidi Mercurief with Ray Melovidov on Zoom.

CMs Absent: Jason Bourdukofsky, and April Kushin.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CM Porath MOVED to approve the agenda. Second by CM Mercurief. Order of the day waived with Executive Session moved up. Motion CARRIED by a Voice Vote with 5 Ayes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CM Mercurief MOVED to approve the minutes for January 16. Second by CM Kozloff. Motion CARRIED by Voice Vote with 5 Ayes.

V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

There was no one to address the Council.

VI. REPORTS

A. Mayor Mercurief had nothing to report.

B. City Manager Zavadil presented his written report. Highlights shared include: an all-entity letter was sent to the congressional delegation regarding concerns of cuts to the essential air service program; USDA has City 2023 audit and with that City cannot meet the debt ratios required. The 2024 audit will be available in June so finance is working on getting data together; EPA Water Technical Assistance- notice from contractor that EPA informed them the grant is paused; attended following kickoff meetings with Sterbenz and Maschner: EPA Resilience Grant, USDOT Port Infrastructure Development Program, and Denali Commission Matching Grant for Small Boat Harbor Utilities Project. Schedule to travel to Juneau and DC February 27, returning March 16; VPSO position has two applicants, one in the academy and the other awaiting a background check.

C. City Clerk Wegeleben provided a written report and was available for questions.

D. Finance Director Mandregan provided a written report and was available for questions.

E. Grants/Projects Specialist Sterbenz presented her written report. Since the last meeting, an Alaska Department of Forestry grant was awarded totaling \$8,495 for fire gear and PPE. One application was submitted in the amount of \$150,000; 5 applications are pending, in the amount of \$1,759,758, and 5 applications are under development.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of written Bulk Fuel rate study reviewing 4 options with scenario 4 meeting best practices. CM Porath suggested a separate meeting to review all the information. Review of summary of scenario 4.

B. Resolution 25-01 to adopt the Pribilof Island Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan. CM Mercurief MOVED to approve. Second by CM Kozloff.

Joe Rolfzen presented his PowerPoint of the plan. He had attempted 3 times to make it to the island with no luck, so an informal community meeting was held over Zoom. Plan to present the community with a final draft in the spring for final input. With a finalized plan City can move forward with pursuing an implementation grant which is the construction grant, in summer.

Motion CARRIED by Roll Call Vote with 5 Ayes.

C. Resolution 25-02 to adopt the City of Saint Paul Emergency Operations Plan.

CM Kozloff MOVED to approve. Second by Mayor Mercurief.

Sterbenz reviewed the provided plan which outlines responsibilities of City, other entities, state, federal, and residents, in the event of any disaster. Discussion took place on generators. The City cannot apply for resources for other entities but can assist in the process. Once finalized, a copy will be sent to partners.

Motion CARRIED by Roll Call Vote with 5 Ayes.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

CM Kozloff MOVED to enter Executive Session. Second by CM Mercurief. Motion was CARRIED by Voice Vote with 5 Ayes. CM Porath Excused himself. CM Melovidov on Zoom was not in attendance. Executive Session at 9:05AM. Back on record at 9:22. There was no action taken. S.M v Hunnicutt case is settled.

X. Next Regular Meeting scheduled for March 20 at 9AM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

CM Porath MOVED to adjourn. Second by CM Melovidov. Motion was CARRIED by Voice Vote with 5 Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 2:33PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

Date