



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager

CC: Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

DATE: December 7, 2023

RE: Ordinance 23-10 – An Ordinance of the City of Saint Paul for the Establishment and Adoption of the Budget of the City of Saint Paul for the Fiscal (Calendar) Year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

SUMMARY: Ordinance 23-10 adopts the fiscal year 2024 budget for the City.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City administration held a budget workshop with Council on November 1, 2023 to review the proposed 2024 budget for the City. Council approved the first reading of this ordinance on November 14, 2023.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: The attached 2024 City Budget assumes and includes the following:

- 3.2% COLA for all City employees employed in 2024.
- No merit increases for employees.
- 90/10 Copay on health insurance for City employees.
- No payment for opting out of health insurance.
- No travel, except for meeting certifications for employees.
- No community donations, contributions, or funding for community events.
- Not filling the following positions: Emergency Manager, Administrative Assistant for Administration, Human Resource Specialist, Public Works Director, Assistant Public Works Director, Director of Public Safety, Harbormaster/Officer.
- Laying off the following positions: Dispatchers and Parks and Rec Coordinator.
- Not contracting out dispatch.
- Lifting the sales tax exemption on small boats.
- 40% increase in water rates.
- 25% increase in refuse rates.
- Cashing out investment in the amount of \$580,350 to fund ongoing City operations.

ALTERNATIVES: Per City Code of Ordinances, Council needs to adopt a budget for the City on an annual basis.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Cashing out investment in the amount of \$580,350 will diminish the amount of money the City has in investments and the amount of interest earned on the investments.

LEGAL: N/A.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of this ordinance.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Ordinance 23-10.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance 23-10 and Proposed CY24 City Budget