

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 27, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mercurief called the meeting to order at 9:02AM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Council members present were Daniel Porath, Heidi Mercurief, Joseph Kozloff and Jason Bourdukofsky. Councilmember Naomi Edenshaw was on Zoom, and Councilmember Melovidov joined at 9:09AM.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CM Porath MOVED to approve. Seconded by CM Mercurief. There were no comments or questions. Motion to approve was carried by a Voice vote with 6 Ayes.

**IV. SPECIAL GUEST**

Representative Bryce Edgmon, with the last 6 weeks left in session, is starting to work on the capital budget, with Senator Hoffman, to determine how big it will be and what projects to put into it. The Governor's veto of the energy bill, one vote short. Plan to put additional in budget for education. Before the governor is a Bill that he and senator Hoffman pushed through, money for rural internet capabilities, which allows for states to work with federal program, the state will match 1 dollar. It will allow school districts to apply for 100mb of speed. Would be \$162,000 for school if passed. Going to go down statewide list for capital improvement, talk about bonding packages.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

CM Bourdukofsky MOVED to approve the minutes for February 27, 2024. Seconded by CM Kozloff. There were no comments or questions. Motion to approve was carried by a Voice vote with 7 Ayes.

CM Porath MOVED to approve the minutes for the February Canvass meeting. Seconded by CM Edenshaw. There were no comments or questions. Motion to approve was carried by a Voice vote with 7 Ayes.

**VI. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There was no one to address the Council.

CM Melovidov MOVED to waive the order of the day for Executive Session. Seconded by CM Mercurief. Motion to approve was carried by a Roll Call vote with 7 Ayes.

Break taken at 10:07AM and back in session at 10:19AM.

The siren for the test of the tsunami warning system went off.

Break taken at 10:21AM  
CM Porath left during the break 10:25AM  
Meeting resumed and was back on record at 10:28AM

## **VII. REPORTS**

### **A. Mayor**

No report.

### **B. City Manager**

Zavadil provided a written report and gave a summary. Attended virtual meetings with Senator Murkowski and Representative Peltola's staff, the appropriation requests are out; the City put in for harbor infrastructure improvements, and electric utility, a notice will be sent out to the entities. Met with Army Corp project manager, they are reissuing an announcement for the dredge portion of the project, the three original bidders will get to bid, and one will be chosen next year. They need to ask for more money for the rock portion; to shore up the reefs, rock replacement on the main breakwater and areas of scouring.

Met with the Essential Air Service office and RAVN's Chief Commercial Officer of Tina Hanley. Saint Paul is not expected to be affected due to recent changes at RAVN. If something may happen, EAS is able to issue an emergency order for continued services; it would take about 90 days to process for another carrier is needed.

Finalized lease for Public Works space to be used by the Aleut Community of Saint Paul for the food bank and traditional boat making; the lease starts April 1. Renewed civic center lease, amount increased after repairs were done.

The Aleut Community of Saint Paul is revising their variance application. Their application for construction is being reviewed.

Grant progress on small boat harbor utility extension has a meeting Friday with TDx to discuss easement requests.

At the end of May and beginning of June, surveyors will be here for the landfill.

Logan leaves March 31; new VPSO Nicholas is scheduled to arrive April 14. Kevin and Nicholas will need to go to the VPSO academy in July. During that time, VPSOs will be rotating out.

As of February 29, City has 68,815 gallons of gasoline and 383,043 gallons of diesel. Fuel resupply looking at 3 deliveries this year in late May or early June, July and August.

Monthly coliform samples were sent out, Coliform was absent from samples.

### **C. City Clerk**

Wegeleben provided a written report.

**D. Finance Director**

Mandregan provided a written report.

**E. Project/Grants Specialist**

Sterbenz provided a written report.

**F. Public Safety**

**1. Emergency Medical Services**

Nason provided a written report.

**2. Village Public Safety Officer**

Davis provided a written report.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance 24-01 - An Ordinance Revising the City Code of Ordinances Title 4 - Revenue and Finance, Chapter 4.25 - Sales Tax 4.25.040 - Exemptions from Sales tax - Generally, Subsection (E)**

CM Bourdukofsky MOVED to approve. Seconded by CM Kozloff.

Ordinance 24-01 – 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and adoption to lift exemption of sales tax on vessels 42 feet and under.

Motion to approve was carried by Roll Call vote of 4 Ayes, with an Abstain vote from CM Melovidov, and a No vote from CM Bourdukofsky.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Certification of Special Election Results**

CM Kozloff MOVED to approve. Seconded by CM Mercurief.

For council to certify results of special election measures that were passed by vote of the community on February 7, 2024.

Motion to approve was carried by Roll Call vote of 6 Ayes.

**B. Resolution 24-08 – Approving Public Auction of Department of Public Safety Firearms and Ammunition**

CM Bourdukofsky MOVED to approve. Seconded by CM Kozloff.

With the City contracted with the VPSO program to service Saint Paul, VPSOs can't carry firearms so an option is to auction off firearms and ammo the Department of Public Safety has available.

CM Melovidov MOVED to amend Resolution 24-08, removing handguns from the auction. CM Kozloff Seconded. There were no comments or questions. Motion to approve Amendment was carried by Roll Call vote of 6 Ayes.

Motion to approve Resolution 24-08, with Amendment, was carried by Roll Call vote of 6 Ayes.

**C. Resolution 24-09 – Authorizing the City to Apply for a Line Credit from Northrim Bank to Serve as a GAP Funding to Start on Electric Utility Upgrades While the USDA Loan is Processed**

CM Melovidov MOVED to approve. Seconded by CM Bourdukofsky.

It would be a short-term line of credit while the USDA loan is being processed. The alternative is to wait for the loan, but it can delay things.

Motion to approve was carried by Roll Call vote of 6 Ayes.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

CM Melovidov MOVED to go into Executive Session. Seconded by CM Porath. Motion to approve was carried by a Roll Call vote with 7 Ayes.

The council went into Executive Session at 9:30AM.  
The council came out of Executive Session at 10:07AM.  
There was no action taken.

**XI. NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES/AGENDA ITEMS**

**A.** April 17, 2024, at 9:00 am

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

CM Mercurief MOVED to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Mercurief. Motion was carried by Voice vote with 6 Ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53AM.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

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Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

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Date