

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

The City Council is the legislative branch of the City and is responsible for the establishment of policies and adoption of local laws and ordinances. The Council also serves as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

- 22 regular meetings.
- 15 work sessions.
- 12 Housing and Redevelopment Authority meetings.
- One joint meeting with the Parks and Environmental Commission and Planning Commission.
- Two joint meetings with the Planning Commission.
- Passed 102 resolutions and adopted five ordinances.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

We take pride in maintaining a sustainable environment and conserving natural resources.

Maintaining high standards

In 2021, we continued to maintain our high standards and certifications, such as our GreenStep 5 status and Tree City USA recognition.

Conservation efforts, events

- We continued to promote water conservation and surface-water management. St. Anthony participated in the Wyland Mayor's Water Challenge in April, to encourage residents and businesses to conserve water.
- We provided an opportunity for residents to purchase rain barrels at a reduced rate.
- We hosted a Spring Clean-Up Day, for residents to dispose of unwanted household items.
- We partnered with Tech Dump to provide an electronics recycling event for St. Anthony.

QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Maintaining our infrastructure is of the utmost importance. We continuously monitor and plan for maintenance and replacement.

Review facilities' adequacy, function & size

The resurfacing of the tennis courts at Water Tower Park was completed in 2021. In addition, we began an evaluation of park amenities that is set to be presented in early 2022.

Street safety & walkability

The City has an established reconstruction program. In 2021, we completed an annual full replacement project, along with a mill and overlay project. We also completed some additional improvements to promote walkability.

Water infrastructure

In 2021, we began the bids process for the maintenance of our water tower and ground storage facility. This project is planned for completion in the in spring of 2022.



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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The heart of our community is our residents and business owners. The City Council is elected to represent you— your input matters!

Community engagement

In 2021 we looked to increase the ways in which we engage with our community. We partnered with our community organizations to promote Covid-19 resources, mental health resources, pollinator garden education, and met with our faith communities.

Support Police Department initiatives

As a Council, one of our favorite events is Night to Unite. We enjoy the conversations that we have with residents and business owners. We also support the strengthening of the relationship between our Police Department and the community we serve.

The Police Department also renamed its Citizen's Academy to Community Academy, to attract a more diverse group of attendees. In 2021, the focus was women in law enforcement.

Coffee with the Council

We continue to host Coffee with the Council events at locations throughout St. Anthony. Our goal is to hear from you— we value input from our residents and business owners! More information, along with dates and locations, is available at savmn.com/coffeewithcouncil.

THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS

Our goal is to ensure our community is healthy and thriving.

Race & equity

We continue to implement our Race & Equity plan through our involvement in Government Alliance on Race and Equity. This plan guides our commitment to racial equity through service delivery. In 2021, we focused on evaluation of services/policies/procedures through an equitable lens. The City partnered with Just Deeds, to help our residents in Hennepin County remove restrictive covenants from their property.

City code aligned with goals

In 2021, we began a code review to ensure its alignment with sustainability, health, and equity goals. Topics covered:

- Pollinator gardens.
- Swimming pools.
- Refuse/recycling.
- Driveways.
- Signs.
- Code enforcement issues.
- General code language improvements.

Land use

Each year, the City Council and staff participate in a *Tour of the City*, to visit and discuss designated areas/topics, such as street projects, drainage concerns, parks, developments, schools, and pedestrian safety.

Mental health

We continue to provide staff with an employee assistance program, and *Check Up for the Neck Up*, for public safety staff, In 2021, we added a resource guide to our website for our community.

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