

1 CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
2 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
3 JUNE 27, 2023
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5 **CALL TO ORDER.**

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7 Mayor Stille called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
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9 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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11 Mayor Stille invited the Council and audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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13 **ROLL CALL.**

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15 Present: Mayor Stille, Councilmembers Jenson, Randle, Walker and Webster.
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17 Absent: None.
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19 Also Present: City Manager Charlie Yunker, Finance Director Shelly Rueckert, City Planner Steve
20 Grittman, and Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire.
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23 **CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**
24 **ITEMS.**

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26 **I. APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**
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28 Motion by Councilmember Randle, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve the City
29 Council Meeting Agenda of June 13, 2023 as presented.
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31 **Motion carried 5-0.**
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33 **II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION.**
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35 **A. Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire Presentation.**
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37 Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire provided an update on Ramsey County
38 activities. Ramsey County has over 550,000 residents. They are the most concentrated in
39 diversity and poverty. Ramsey County encompasses all or part of 20 cities. The median
40 household income is \$71,000. Commissioner McGuire reviewed the vision, mission and goals of
41 Ramsey County. They have a very active engagement process with residents and cities. Ramsey
42 County received \$96M from the Federal Government in 2020. \$72M of that was used for
43 housing, food, and financial assistance. Investment was made in employment support. They
44 received American Rescue Plan dollars also to invest in housing and homelessness prevention.
45 The public health department was reinforced. Commissioner McGuire reviewed some of the
46 issues that have been worked on including housing, transit and transportation funds. She spoke
47 about the HRA Levy and this was the first year for a HRA Levy. Commissioner McGuire invited
48 the Council to ask any questions.
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1 Mayor Stille thanked Commissioner McGuire for her update.

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3 Councilmember Jenson thanked Commissioner McGuire and stated he is excited about the
4 organics pickup that will be county-wide. The participation in this program will be easy.

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6 Councilmember Webster thanked Commissioner McGuire for her time this evening. She is
7 happy that collaboration is a strong value with the Commission. The Not about you without
8 you statement is very powerful.

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10 Councilmember Walker asked about organics recycling and asked about redundancy. Will St.
11 Anthony have two options ? Commissioner McGuire stated the plan for the county-wide
12 collection can run in conjunction with what St. Anthony is currently doing. Ramsey County
13 owns the processing plant in Newport.

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15 Mayor Stille stated he received a mailing about hazardous materials collection for the month of
16 July. Residents can go to the Arden Hills brush site. He said it is comforting to know the county
17 is using embedded social workers with the police.

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19 Commissioner McGuire invited residents to sign-up to receive her newsletter.

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21 **III. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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23 A. Approval of June 13, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.
24 B. Licenses and Permits.
25 C. Claims.

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27 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Walker, to approve the
28 Consent Agenda items.

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30 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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32 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE.**

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34 **V. REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND STAFF - NONE.**

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36 **VI. GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL.**

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38 A. Resolution 23-033 – Approving the Proposed 2024 Debt Levy and the Phase II Debt
39 Levy Program for the City of St. Anthony Village.

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41 Finance Director Shelly Rueckert presented a power point summarizing the 2024 Debt Levy. She
42 noted it is a common practice for local governments to use tax exempt bond financing to provide
43 funds for major projects such as Street and Utility Reconstruction; Mill and Overlay of
44 Reconstructed Streets; Park Improvements, Trails and Sidewalks; Building Improvements or
45 Replacement; and Major Equipment Purchases – Fire Trucks. Street Improvements are the main

1 driver of the debt levy. Detailed Engineering and Financial Planning begins approximately one
2 year in advance of the construction start date.

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4 Sources of Street Improvement and Debt Service Funds are Street Improvement Debt Levy;
5 Bond Proceeds; Assessments; MSA Allocation and One-Time Revenues and Project Savings.
6 These Funds are used for Street Improvement Debt; Street Reconstruction; Utility
7 Reconstruction; Street Lights; Sidewalks; Mill and Overlays; and Alleys.

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9 The 2024 Mill and Overlay Project will include portions of Hilldale Avenue, 32nd Avenue NE,
10 Roosevelt Street, 35th Avenue NE, Edward Street, Harding Street, Hilldale Avenue, 32nd Avenue
11 NE, Edward Street, Belden Drive, 34th Avenue NE, Wilson Street, Harding Street, Roosevelt
12 Avenue, Roosevelt Avenue, St. Anthony Road, Townview Avenue and 31st Avenue NE. The
13 2024 Thin Maintenance Overlay will include 31st Avenue NE – Silver Lake Road to Rankin
14 Road.

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16 Ms. Rueckert reviewed the benefits of the Phase II Debt Levy. Phase II modified the pace of
17 improvements to gain the following benefits:

- 18 • The City's Debt burden will be reduced faster.
- 19 • The gap years in the street improvement schedule will allow for growth in the
20 infrastructure Levy.
- 21 • Infrastructure Levy will be used to support street costs, saving interest expense and
22 financing costs.
- 23 • Residential Street reconstructions anticipated to be completed by 2040.
- 24 • Gain flexibility to adjust if other levy demands occur.

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26 Charts showing the Phase II of Debt Levy Planning and Resulting 2024 Debt Levy Program
27 were provided for the Council. The Debt Levy will remain at \$2,487,181 for levy year 2024.

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29 Council is requested to approve the \$2,487,181 in combined 2024 Debt Levy and Street
30 Infrastructure Levies as presented.

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32 Councilmember Randle asked if all of the Mill & Overlays for 2024 will be completed in one
33 summer and Ms. Rueckert stated that is correct.

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35 Councilmember Webster thanked Ms. Rueckert for getting the City's finance on a sustainable
36 path. She appreciates her continued commitment.

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38 Mayor Stille stated this keeps our interest structure and debt levy flat. The same amount is
39 invested in the roads every year. The City is reserving some cash to be able to borrow less.

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41 Motion by Councilmember Webster, seconded by Councilmember Jenson, to approve Resolution
42 23-033 – Approving the Proposed 2024 Debt Levy and the Phase II Debt Levy Program for the
43 City of St. Anthony.

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45 **Motion carried 5-0.**

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1 Mayor Stille adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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3 Respectfully submitted,

4 Debbie Wolfe

5 *TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.*

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Mayor

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8 ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk

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