

1 CITY OF ST. ANTHONY
2 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
3 AUGUST 23, 2022
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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 him 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.

16 Absent: None.

17 Also Present: City Manager Charlie Yunker, Finance Director Shelly Rueckert, and Police Chief
18 Jon Mangseth.

19 Guests: None.
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21 **CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**
22 **ITEMS.**

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24 **I. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 23, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA.**

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26 Motion by Councilmember Randle, seconded by Councilmember Webster, to approve the City
27 Council Meeting Agenda of August 23, 2022.
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29 **Motion carried 5-0.**
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31 **II. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

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33 A. Swearing in of St. Anthony Police Officer Cody Boegeman.

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35 Police Chief Jon Mangseth introduced Police Officer Cody Boegeman and administered the oath.
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37 Mayor Stille stated that the City and Council have had the privilege to swear in three Officers
38 over the past six weeks. He welcomed Officer Boegeman to the family of the City. He pledged
39 the support for safety of the Police Department in order to keep the community safe.
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41 **III. CONSENT AGENDA.**

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43 A. Approve August 8, 2022, Council meeting minutes.

44 B. Licenses and permits.

45 C. Claims.
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47 Motion by Councilmember Jenson, seconded by Councilmember Randle, to approve the Consent
48 Agenda items.
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Motion carried 5-0.

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3 **IV. PUBLIC HEARING – NONE.**

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5 **V. REPORTS FROM COMMISSION AND STAFF – NONE.**

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7 **VI. GENERAL BUSINESS OF COUNCIL.**

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9 A. 2023 Budget & Levy Presentation.

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11 Mayor Stille stated that this is a presentation of information the Council has already heard and
12 discussed in a public worksession. He noted that no action will be taken tonight as this is meant
13 to be an informational presentation for the public.

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15 Finance Director Shelley Rueckert presented this item, noting that at the March 22, 2022 Work
16 Session, the City Council and staff reviewed the proposed 2023 debt levy. The debt levy
17 provides funding for 2023 debt service payments for the road improvement debt, lease revenue
18 debt (city buildings) and the tax abatement debt (parks and sidewalks). The proposed 2023 debt
19 levy was approved at the July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting. At the August 8, 2022 Work
20 Session, staff provided the City Council with information regarding an overall levy scenario and
21 a detailed 2023 General Fund Budget. Staff also proposed added levy support for the Fire
22 Department paramedic program that will allow the first responders to provided expanded
23 medical care prior to the arrival of an ambulance. Also discussed was capacity for employee
24 retention as deemed needed in 2023.

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26 Ms. Rueckert explained that Council directed staff to incorporate the items discussed into the
27 2023 Budget and Levy. Council affirmed the adjustments to the various capital levies that are
28 consistent with the long-term capital plans. No increase in the Housing Redevelopment
29 Authority (HRA) levy was proposed for 2023. The levy proposed reflects the Work Session
30 discussions. The proposed 2023 overall levy is \$8,687,425, which represents an increase of
31 \$444,333 or a 5.39% increase compared to the 2022 overall levy.

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33 Ms. Rueckert reviewed the next steps which include a public hearing on September 13, 2022 to
34 adopt the preliminary 2023 budget and property tax levy which will be finalized in December of
35 2022.

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37 Mayor Stille thanked Ms. Rueckert for the excellent presentation.

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39 Councilmember Webster acknowledged that costs are going up and that staff looks for every
40 opportunity to reduce costs. She stated that 71 percent of the costs are staff related as the City
41 prioritizes the value of a good team of staff. She referenced the increase in the Police coverage
42 rates and asked if some of the costs could be offset in the partnership to Lauderdale.

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44 Ms. Rueckert replied that the contract fees were raised by \$58,000 as those costs are shared
45 equally.
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1 Mayor Stille commented that the City has always passed on its costs in order to spread those
2 costs over the full service area.

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4 Ms. Rueckert acknowledged that there is benefit in the economy of scale.

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6 Councilmember Webster commented that she likes that the presentation includes the annual and
7 monthly costs for homeowners for City services and asked if future presentations could include
8 the costs currently paid compared to the proposed increase.

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10 Ms. Rueckert confirmed that she could include that information in future presentations.

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12 Councilmember Walker stated that it is good to hear about the additional firefighter and
13 paramedic positions. He asked if the Safer Grant amount has been stated.

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15 Ms. Rueckert replied that the Safer grant would cover the cost for those positions for three years.
16 She stated that staff is still waiting to hear the results of that grant application.

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18 Councilmember Jenson stated that there was a lot of detailed information presented and
19 complimented staff for also including the thought process and rationale for developing the
20 budget. He acknowledged the transparent budget process Ms. Rueckert has developed and
21 thanked her for that.

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23 Mayor Stille also thanked Ms. Rueckert. He stated that he was apprehensive going into the
24 budget process because of the increases in the economy. He acknowledged the new things and
25 staff that will be coming to the community in an effort to continue to provide better service to the
26 community. He acknowledged that the Fire Chief has been patient in waiting for additional
27 firefighters and that will be gained through this budget. He referenced the retention item and
28 noted that the City would rather retain good employees instead of hiring and training new staff
29 members. He also acknowledged the training for new Police Officers which is an important step
30 in the process for a safe community.

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32 **VII. REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

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34 Councilmember Jenson stated he attended the Ramsey County local government meeting for
35 August.

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37 Mayor Stille stated he attended the Executive Committee meeting for the Mississippi Water
38 Management Organization at which the budget was discussed. He stated that he was also
39 privileged to attend the Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament and throw out the first pitch.

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41 **VIII. COMMUNITY FORUM.**

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43 Mayor Stille invited residents to come forward at this time and address the Council on items that
44 are not on the regular agenda.

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46 Hearing none, Mayor Stille moved forward with the agenda.

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IX. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Stille adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Staple
TimeSaver Off Site Secretarial, Inc.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED