

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.

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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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COMMUNICATE TRANSPARENTLY & EFFECTIVELY :::

We aim to inform and engage with our community through promoting all the good things happening throughout St. Anthony.

Comprehensive approach

We continue to work on ways to improve communication with stakeholders. We've increased the use of video to share messages and important information, enhanced Village Notes, the City's quarterly newsletter, added additional social-media platforms, and built a city-wide communication schedule.

Community survey

In 2021, we started the process of exploring the use of a community survey to help inform our decision-making process. This research continues in 2022.

City website

This year, our website (savmn.com) got a fresh, new look! We continue to look for enhanced functionality to create a better online experience. For example, in 2021, we added a new module called Agenda Center, where residents can sign up to receive notifications when City Council and Commission meeting packets are posted.



SAFE & SECURE COMMUNITY :::

We are committed to the safety and security of everyone who lives, works and visits St. Anthony.

Public safety initiatives

Our police and fire departments continue to be the primary face of safety in our community. In 2021 we continued to participate in community outreach events such as the Fire Department Open House, Hotdogs with Public Safety, Summer Survival, Coffee With a Cop, and many other informal engagement meetings with the public.

Our police department conducted their bi-annual body camera audit completed by an outside consultant in April 2021. The audit resulted in no discrepancies being noted.

Our police partners with Northeast Youth and Family Services to provide a community case worker and mental health resources to those in need. And our fire department continues to advance their skillset to provide top-notch emergency medical care to our community.

Street safety

City Council and the Parks & Environmental Commission met in August to discuss our biking/walking routes. Staff will prepare a map of potential routes that will be evaluated in 2022.

FISCAL & ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH :::

St. Anthony has built strong fiscal strength and organizational culture. We continue to embrace our values as we plan for the future.

Leverage non-tax funds

Part of our culture is to look for innovative partnerships and grants to supplement our city levy. In 2021, we received \$618,351.00 in grants and donations.

Gain efficiency in collaborations

We have a history of seeking opportunities for our city through collaborations. We currently have partnerships with many organizations and in 2021 added: providing NineNorth financial services as well as assuming some maintenance responsibilities at Salo Park.

Plan

St. Anthony has a well established street reconstruction program. In 2021 we planned for our 2022 street improvement project and built in every third year as a gap year with no street reconstruction project, as well reviewed our debt levy and general fund balance policy.

Resilient & supported staff

We continue to rely on our strong positive culture to retain our current staff and recruit new staff by offering competitive benefits, opportunities for professional development and a positive work environment.

In 2021 we hired our Public Works Superintendent, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk, and part-time Accounting Clerk. We also promoted internal staff to Public Works Director and Assistant to the City Manager.

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2021 CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT :::

On an annual basis, the City Council attends a Strategic Goal Setting in January. During this retreat, the Council hears from department heads, consultant staff, city commissions, representatives from the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) and Metro Cities, as well as other guest administrators/managers from other cities.

The council brings forward concerns and ideas they have heard over the year from residents, business owners, and their respective membership organizations. From here, the Council and City staff work together to develop the City's pyramid of goals for the year. *View the pyramid at savmn.com/pyramid.*

