

# 2022 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.

- 23 regular meetings
- 10 work sessions
- 10 Housing and Redevelopment Authority meetings
- One joint meeting with the Parks and Environmental Commission and Planning Commission
- One joint meeting with the Planning Commission
- 89 resolutions passed and seven ordinances adopted

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

### Single Hauler Organized Collection

Throughout 2022, City Council and staff discussed priorities for the next organized collection contract. With the previous contract expiring March 31, 2023, the following items were identified as important items to explore for the next contract:

- Single hauler to service residential households with up to three units
- Curbside organics collection
- Weekly recycling
- Service for municipal facilities
- Hauler-staffed Spring Clean-Up event

Beginning April 1, 2023, the city began a five-year contract with Aspen Waste Systems, the city's new single hauler for waste, recycling, and yard waste.

The new contract will contain the same service levels for St. Anthony residents.

## QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

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

### Explore Green Space

A joint meeting was held by the City Council, and our Planning and Parks and Environmental Commissions, with the consensus to focus on green space on the north side of the city and incorporate green space into future redevelopments.

### Street safety & walkability

In 2022, the city applied for a grant to connect a Grand Rounds missing link. The request is for the trail on St. Anthony Boulevard from Ridgeway Parkway to the Minneapolis Diagonal Trail.

### Water infrastructure

In 2022, we completed our water tank and ground storage facility maintenance project. This included draining the water tower, repairs to the tower, and a new paint design that was selected by the community in a city-wide poll.



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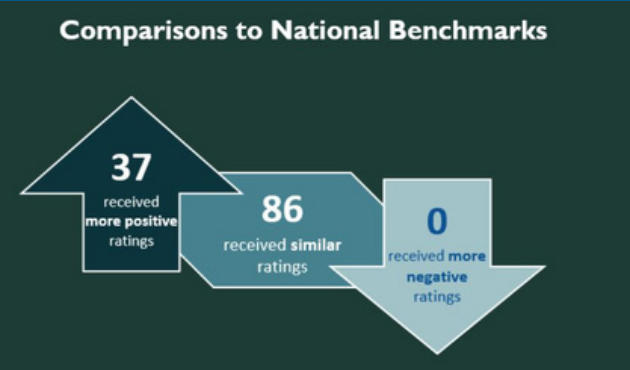


## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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

### National Community Survey

In the fall of 2022, we partnered with Polco to conduct a community-wide livability survey. The survey focused on key facets of livability including Economy, Mobility, Community Design, Utilities, Safety, Natural Environment, Parks and Recreation, Health and Wellness, Education, Arts and Culture, and Inclusivity and Engagement. We heard from 582 randomly selected residents. The full results can be found at: [savmn.com/communitysurvey](https://savmn.com/communitysurvey)



### Community Engagement

We value the input and participation of our residents. In 2022, we added a webpage detailing all the ways you can get involved in our city. To learn more visit: [savmn.com/communityengagement](https://savmn.com/communityengagement)

## THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS

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

### Redevelopment of city-owned property

After owning the parcel at 2654 Kenzie Terrace for over 20 years, the property was sold to a developer in 2021. This was part of a three-party project to redevelop the bank building at the corner of Kenzie Terrace and Stinson Boulevard. The bank will relocate to the 2654 Kenzie Terrace site, which began construction in 2022. A new multi-family building will be constructed in place of the current bank building.

### Align city code with goals

In 2022, we continued a code review to ensure alignment with sustainability, health, and equity goals. Topics covered in 2022:

- Feeding of wild animals
- Fencing regulations
- Brewery/taproom regulations
- Bus bench licensing
- Public right of way maintenance and use
- General code language improvements.

### Land use

Each year, 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. We also help promote mental health resources for our community through a resource guide on our website. To learn more visit: [savmn.com/mentalhealthresources](https://savmn.com/mentalhealthresources)



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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.

## Communications survey

In 2022, we asked the community for feedback on city communications. We surveyed residents on how they currently receive information about the city, and how they would like to receive this information in the future. The survey included open-ended questions, and we received insightful information from residents that took the time to let us know what we could do better, and what topics they would like to see more of. Thank you for helping us understand the best way to communicate with you!

## City website

Our website (savmn.com) is our information hub! We continue to look for enhanced functionality to create a better online experience. For example, in 2022, we added a new category for public hearing notices in the Agenda Center, where residents can sign up to receive notifications when public hearing notices 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 are the primary face of safety in our community. In 2022 we continued to participate in community outreach events including the Fire Department Open House, Hot Dogs with Public Safety, Summer Survival Day Camp, Coffee with a Cop, and many other informal engagements with the public.

Our fire department worked with Hennepin County on a program that will allow the department to deliver paramedic care during those crucial minutes prior to an ambulance arriving on scene. This expanded medical skillset will go into effect in early 2023.

Our police department continues to partner with Northeast Youth and Family Services to provide a Community Case Worker and mental health resources to those in need.

# 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 approach is to look for innovative partnerships and grants to supplement our city levy. In 2022, we received \$569,169.72 in grants and donations.

## Gain efficiency through collaborations

We have a history of seeking revenue-generating opportunities for our city through collaborations. City staff currently provide services for several organizations including utility billing for Birchwood Village, financial support for MWMO and NineNorth, and human resources support for the MWMO.

## Plan

St. Anthony has a well-established street reconstruction program, capital improvement plan, and a well-organized process for reviewing and updating the annual budget and levy. In 2022 we continued to review and make strategic adjustments to our plans for the future.

## Resilient & supported staff

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

In 2022 we hired several new staff including our communications coordinator, police officers, a community service officer and a new firefighter.

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# 2022 CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

On an annual basis, City Council attends a Strategic Goal Setting in January. During these meetings, the Council hears from department heads, consultant staff, city commissioners, 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 from residents and businesses over the past year, and the Council and staff work together to discuss priorities and develop the city's pyramid of goals for the year. *View the pyramid at [savmn.com/pyramid](https://savmn.com/pyramid).*