

2023 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
- 19 work sessions
- 13 Housing and Redevelopment Authority meetings
- One joint meeting with the Parks and Environmental Commission
- One joint meeting with the Planning Commission
- 79 resolutions passed and 9 ordinances adopted

City Council 2023

- Mayor Randy Stille
 - Term expired 1/1/2024
- Councilmember Thomas Randle
 - Term expires 1/3/2028
- Councilmember Jan Jenson
 - Term expires 1/5/2026
- Councilmember Bernard Walker
 - Term expired 1/1/2024
- Councilmember Wendy Webster
 - Term expires 1/5/2026

City Council 2024

- Mayor Wendy Webster
 - Term expires 1/2/2028
- Councilmember Thomas Randle
 - Term expires 1/3/2028
- Councilmember Jan Jenson
 - Term expires 1/5/2026
- Councilmember Lona Doolan
 - Term expires 1/3/2028
- Councilmember Andrea Stephens
 - Term expires August 2024

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

We take pride in maintaining a sustainable environment and conserving natural resources. During 2023 we continued to maintain our certification as a Minnesota GreenStep 5 City. The City also continues with our Tree City certification through The Arbor Day Foundation.

Implement Inflow & Infiltration Inspection Program

The City of St. Anthony Village has been identified as a contributor of excess I/I. In order to resolve the infiltration of ground water into the sewer pipes, a point of sale program was implemented.

In March 2023, sewer inspections were added as a requirement prior to the listing of any property for sale and as part of the annual rental license program.

Climate Plan

The City of St. Anthony Village continued building on our history of sustainability leadership by developing a Climate Plan in 2023.

The Climate Plan process was facilitated by WSB our Engineering firm, who worked with our City Council and Parks & Environmental Commission to identify goals and engage with our community to gather feedback and priorities.

The plan focuses on the next 1-5 years of implementation work in categories important to SAV, including water, waste, energy, and transportation. The full plan can be viewed at savmn.com/climateplan



THRIVING VILLAGE

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

Affordable Housing

In the fall of 2023, our City Council and our Planning Commission had multiple meetings to discuss preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing. The discussions also included rental licensing in the city. These conversations are planned to continue in 2024.

Senior Services

Our City Council made it a priority to work with community partners to understand what programming is available to Seniors and what future needs may be. These conversations will continue in 2024.

Pedestrian & Bike-Friendly Routes

As we look towards future transportation projects, staff and city leaders will explore whether additional walking/biking routes can be added.

Walking/Biking continues to be a high priority for our community. This initiative is included in our Climate Plan under transportation and improving the safety of non-motorized transportation infrastructure.

INFORMED & ENGAGED COMMUNITY

Our focus is to reach all residents with clear and informative messaging, to share all the good things happening in St. Anthony Village, and to elevate local interest and community pride while promoting our City to potential business owners and residents.

City Website and Social Media

Our website (savmn.com) is our information hub! We use social media to highlight stories and direct audiences to our website for more information.

VillageNotes Quarterly Newsletter

Our newsletter is the most popular source of information for our residents according to our communications survey that was completed in 2022. Our newsletter contains project updates, important information from all departments, staff updates, and more.

Direct Mailers

This past year all residents received a direct mailer containing information on the transition to Aspen Waste as the City's single waste hauler. In addition to this mailer you can find more information at savmn.com/aspen

Community Engagement

We value the input and participation of our residents. This year our City Council, Public Safety staff and Administrative staff enjoyed visiting numerous Night to Unite parties in the community.

In 2023, we conducted a survey for all residents to help prioritize actions in our Climate Plan. Our Parks & Environmental Commission completed numerous outreach visits regarding the Climate Plan.

To learn about all the ways you can get involved in our city visit: savmn.com/communityengagement

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savmn.com/annualreports

SAFE & SECURE COMMUNITY

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

Fire Department Medical Skillset Expansion

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 began in February 2023.

Technology

Our fire department implemented Lexipol, which is an online policy platform. All members of the fire department will benefit by having updated policies located in an easy to find location.

Collaborations

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.

Develop exit plan for existing TIF districts

Our city staff are working with Ehlers, our financial consultant, to draft a TIF exit plan in early '24.

City Facilities

On April 17th, the City Council toured our city facilities to see first hand, the buildings and the needs for maintenance and future use.

Oertel Architects completed an assessment of our city facilities outlining maintenance priorities. The building repairs have been included in our Capital Improvement Plan.

Staffing

This past year was challenging as our city experienced many retirements of long standing staff. City staff has worked hard to recruit and hire to fill those positions with employees who share the same values as our city. City Council continues to support staff as valued members of our team.



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Attend Meetings

City Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month at 7 PM. Meetings are open to the public and contain opportunities for public input.

Submit Feedback to City Council

City Council members welcome your comments and suggestions. Learn how to submit questions or comments at savmn.com/citycouncil.

Join City Council

The City Council is the legislative branch of the City, which is responsible for adoption of local laws and ordinances. The City Council is comprised of a Mayor and four councilmembers. The City Council is a non-partisan body that is elected at large and serves four year terms.

City Councilmember Handbook

In 2023, the City Council created a robust Councilmember onboarding guide. This guide covers introductions to city services, St. Anthony Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), Laws and Policies for Councilmembers, Servant Leadership Core Competencies, and Expectations for members. The full guide is available at: savmn.com/citycouncil

Join City Commissions

Our Planning Commission is a seven member board that makes recommendations to the City Council on planning issues, such as variances, conditional use requests, zoning issues, and city code amendments.

Our Parks & Environmental Commission is a five member board that makes recommendations to the City Council on policies, practices, and proposals that relate to the sustainable use and management of environmental resources, including air, water, energy, land, ecological resources, and waste.

The terms for both commissions are three years.



2023 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.*