

CITY OF ST. PAUL PARK
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
August 19, 2024

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Workshop called to order at 5:48 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS:

Mayor Franke, Council Members Conrad, Swenson, and Whitbred-Hemmingson.
Also present: City Administrator Walsh, Finance Director Santana-Marty, Fire Chief Kramer, Police Chief Danberg, Public Works Supervisor Dionisopoulos, and City Clerk Truhlar.

SUBJECT(s): 2025 Preliminary Budget

SUMMARY:

Finance Director Santana-Marty reviewed total revenues and expenditures projected for 2025. She noted that there will be no public safety aid in 2025, resulting in almost \$241,000 less in revenue. She showed a total of \$226,562 less in revenues for 2025 than 2024. Due mostly to overall increasing costs, the estimated increase in expenditures is \$219,386.

There was discussion regarding some challenges and opportunities. Giving better service to residents, being fiscally responsible, and finding other possible funding sources were noted as very important elements. Santana-Marty suggested finding a way to allow residents to pay with a credit card was a way to provide better service as that has been a frequent question.

Further discussion included how this budget was built and whether to-date actuals were used. There were some questions regarding specific line items. It was noted that this is a preliminary budget. Once the preliminary budget is submitted to Washington County in September, the final budget can go down, but it can not go up. There will be a public hearing before the final budget is submitted in December.

Workshop adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Truhlar, City Clerk