

**CITY OF ST. JOHNS**  
**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 27, 2025**

The special meeting of the St. Johns City Commission was called to order by Mayor Dzurka at 4:05 p.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse, 100 East State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite #2200, St. Johns, Michigan.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Eric Hufnagel, Brad Gurski, Scott Dzurka, Chris Hyzer, Chris DeLiso

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Chad Gamble, City Manager; Kristina Kinde, City Treasurer; Mindy J. Seavey, City Clerk; Justin Smith, Director of Public Services; David Kirk, Police Chief; Bill Schafer, Recreation Director; Jeremy Ritter, DPW Supervisor; Jordan Whitford, Fire Chief & Wastewater Supervisor; Calvin Galecka, Water Supervisor

Agenda

Mayor Dzurka asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Gurski seconded by Commissioner Hufnagel that the city commission approve the agenda as presented.

YEA: Hufnagel, Gurski, Dzurka, Hyzer, DeLiso

NAY: None

Motion carried.

Public Comments

Mayor Dzurka asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

Welcome, Meeting Overview

City Manager Gamble discussed:

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- The meeting will proceed with department heads presenting their CIPs, and the strategic plan will guide the administration's focus areas.
- Organize three stations for police & fire; wastewater, water department, public works; and administration and parks to discuss CIPs.

Brief Review of 2025/2026 City Action Plan

Overview of 25/26 Budget Process & CIP Format & Objectives of Meeting

City Manager Gamble discussed the strategic plan and the roadmaps for this year.

Breakout Sessions of Commissioners with Individual Department and Divisions

3 breakout sessions were set for commissioners to go from table to table for more details with the individual departments:

1. Police/Fire/Wastewater
2. Water/Dept. of Public Works
3. Administration/Parks

Commission Discussion of CIP and General Comments

The commission discussed:

- Higham Street Parking Lot, compressor for the Fire Department, well #14, DDA, and fiscal impacts/funds.

Wrap Up and Next Steps

City Manager Gamble handed out copies of the budget calendar.

Mayor Dzurka mentioned upcoming changes to healthcare due to PHP no longer offering plans.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Hyzer seconded by Commissioner Gurski that the meeting be adjourned.

YEA: Hufnagel, Gurski, Dzurka, Hyzer, DeLiso

NAY: None

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.