

SAINT PAUL CITY COUNCIL

# COMMUNITY BUDGET DISCUSSION

RECAP OF AUGUST 28TH



# DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

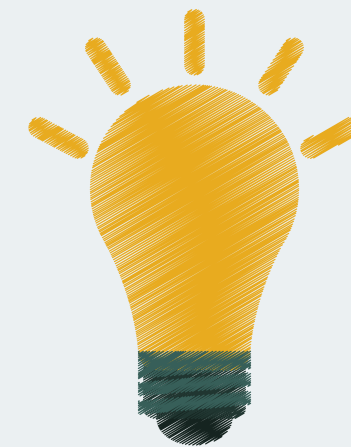
## 2020 Proposed Budget



Approximately 150 people  
in attendance



Seven conversations with  
Councilmembers



Over 200 ideas shared





# DISCUSSION: POLICY TOPICS



## Policing

Police strategy- both more or less officers, restorative justice, community policing, and mental health.



## Renter Rights

Separating rent and parking costs. Renters should have transportation options and not have to have a car,



## Transportation

Parking minimums need to be removed, Multiple transportation options.



## Pedestrian Safety

Concerns with walking, biking, and moving safely around the city.





# WHAT IS IMPORTANT



PUBLIC SAFETY

INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT

SUSTAINABILITY AND  
CLIMATE ACTION



HOUSING







# What is missing from the budget? Or what changes would you like to see?



POLICE

Differing opinions



GREEN SPACE

Community spaces to convene



MORE INVESTMENT IN HOUSING



TRANSPORTATION AND BIKE LANES

Differing opinions



INVEST IN YOUTH

Early education, libraries, parks



CLIMATE ACTION



MINIMUM WAGE ENFORCEMENT

Differing opinions



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY



INFRASTRUCTURE





# 2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL CONCERNS

## REC CHECK \$5 A DAY FEE

What if parents that don't qualify for free and reduced lunch can't pay? How much does the program cost to administer? How do you enroll?

## MORE STATE SUPPORT

Multiple comments on the need for more LGA from the state for infrastructure needs and to improve street conditions.

Any work on a PILOT?

## TRASH ON THE BALLOT

Many questions and concerns that the decision on trash could impact the city levy. There is a desire to understand, what is the plan, communicate more.

## LAWSUIT CLAIMS

CLIMATE GOALS NOT REALISTIC  
LOWER LIFE EXPECTANCY IN 55106

ASSESSMENTS ON PROPERTY OWNERS

CITY'S COMMUNICATION



# COMMENTS

"I do not feel good about higher property taxes going to higher police budget. I want to see more funding devoted to expanding access to low-cost financial services; funding for more library social workers for more hours. "

*"Thank you for supporting a greenway along Ayd Mill! Future thinking!"*

"Since the city is about 50% renters, it would be helpful to see the change in property taxes for the average multi-family building. Landlords often increase our rent and blame it on property taxes, but it would be nice to see what their property taxes actually look like, even if it's a vague idea."

*"Why not leave minimum wage enforcement to private attorneys?"*





# FEEDBACK

**What worked? What would you change?**

