REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jeffrey Lunde

PRESENT: Mayor Jeffrey Lunde; Council Members Tonja West-Hafner, Susan Pha, Terry Parks, Mark Mata, Wynfred Russell and Lisa Jacobson; City Manager Jay Stroebel; City Attorney Jim Thomson; Community Development Director Kim Berggren; Finance Director LaTonia Green; Police Inspector Bill Barritt and City Clerk Devin Montero.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Lunde opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2A RESPONSE TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENT

City Manager Stroebel stated a resident who lived south of 93rd Avenue had some safety concerns with regards to speeding, sidewalks and poles that were knocked down. He stated Operations and Maintenance staff had gone out there to fix the pole. In terms of speeding, it was a road that intermittently had extra patrols on to address speeding issues. He stated they also had some conversations in the last two weeks regarding having crosswalks painted with stripes along the intersection of 93rd and Regent. He stated it didn’t meet the minimum thresholds for when they would typically do that. On the overall question with the safety of the road, he recommended to the Council and staff as they approached the 2020 budget process and as part of the CIP process, to have larger conversations around the eventual redevelopment of 93rd Avenue.

2B PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3A. MOTION LUNDE, SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY CLERK WITH REMOVAL OF 3B.2, ADDITION OF 10.1 AND MOVING ITEM 4.4 TO 6.4. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3B PUBLIC PRESENTATION/PROCLAMATIONS/RECEIPT OF GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

3B1 Presentation of Plaques to Outgoing Commissioners.

Mayor Lunde briefed the Council and recognized outgoing commissioners for their contributions to the city.

3B3 Police Inspector Bill Barritt briefed the Council on the Living Word Christian Center contribution to the Police Department.

3B3 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND PARKS TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-51 ACKNOWLEDGING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3B4 Planning Commission Chair Amy Hanson gave the annual verbal report and work plan.

3B4 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND PARKS TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION 2019 WORK PLAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3B5 Budget Advisory Commission Work Plan presentation.

Budget Advisory Chair Eri Bone presented the Budget Advisory Commission Work Plan.

3B5 MOTION PARKS, SECOND RUSSELL TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION 2019 WORK PLAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3B6 Mayor’s Proclamation of April 12, 2019, as Road Runners Bowling League Day.”

Mayor Lunde proclaimed April 12, 2019, to be “Road Runners Bowling League Day” in the City of Brooklyn Park.

3B7 Mayor’s Proclamation Declaring May 4, 2019 as “Arbor Day” and the Month of May as “Arbor Month” in the City of Brooklyn Park.

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4.0 MOTION WEST-HAFNER, SECOND PARKS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS. (Item 4.4 was moved to 6.4)

4.1 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-52 TO APPROVE THE PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.

4.2 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-53 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MINT ROOFING FOR ROOF REPAIRS AT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING C.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-54 ADOPTING THE SMALL CELL AESTHETIC STANDARDS REGARDING RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT FOR SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES.

4.5 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2019, AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

4.5 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019, AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

4.5 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2019, AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

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MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.1 City Engineer Jesse Struve briefed the Council on the Public Hearing for Vacation of all Easements Associated with Outlot B and 10214 Regent Avenue N. (Lot 1, Block 1) of Windchime Trail Plat.

5.1 Mayor Lunde opened the public hearing to consider the Vacation of all Easements Associated with Outlot B and 10214 Regent Avenue N. (Lot 1, Block 1) of Windchime Trail Plat.

5.1 The following individuals addressed the Council: None.

5.1 Mayor Lunde closed the public hearing and returned the item back to the table for consideration.

5.1 MOTION JACOBSON, SECOND PARKS TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-55 VACATING ALL EASEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH OUTLOT B AND 10214 REGENT AVENUE N. (LOT 1, BLOCK 1) OF WINDCHIME TRAIL PLAT. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.1 Planning Director Cindy Sherman briefed the Council on the Preliminary Plat and Conditional Use Permit for a 56-Unit Townhome Development at the Southwest Corner of Oak Grove Parkway and Regent Avenue North.

6.1 MOTION RUSSELL, SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-56 APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF “OAK VILLAGE” SUBDIVIDING 5.36 ACRES INTO 56 TOWNHOME LOTS AND ONE COMMON LOT SOUTHWEST OF OAK GROVE PARKWAY AND REGENT AVENUE NORTH.

Council Member Mata asked if there was background on why it went from medium density to a medium high density piece of land.

Planning Director Sherman stated in 2013 the city undertook a study of all vacant land in the community and went through the process of evaluation and had a Task Force Building to 2030. She stated it ended up readjusting land uses as a follow up to that and it was changed through the whole review of all vacant land and did a special study of the area around Oak Grove and Zane and re-evaluated and developed new land uses at that time.

Council Member Mata asked if it had to anything to do around Met Council’s goal of putting higher density and more housing units inside the city, numbers where Brooklyn Park always fulfilled its goals but yet the surrounding neighbors did not.

Planning Director Sherman stated the goal was more around what the vision that came out of the Building to 2030 was that the city needed to allow higher densities in order to meet the market and make the projects work. She stated if they had higher densities, the projects worked better and in that case, the land was always medium density and became medium high but didn’t remember the actual density of the development. She stated it was 10.4 units per acre and the city medium had a 9 unit per acre minimum.

Council Member Mata stated he was on the Council several years ago and at that time that
property was just an outlot under the power lines and wasn’t developed. He stated the
discussion then was about moving high density in another area part of town when they just got
done at the time going through the Apartment Task Force. He stated he was expecting a lesser
density development there and realized developers wanted to make a certain dollar value. He
stated he was not willing to sacrifice a higher density for that dollar value inside the city and
would not support it because at what point were they going to build another high density area
and build the Zane corridor all over again. He stated at that point they were not blaming the
developers for building a bunch of apartments down there, the only blame was going to be the
City Council. He stated he just wanted to make sure they didn’t move an area they knew was a
problem with a bunch of high density and now they were going to put it up in another area of
town and 20 years from now would have the same problem all over again.

6.1 THE MOTION PASSED. (6 TO 1) MATA VOTED NO.

6.2 Planning Director Cindy Sherman briefed the Council on the Site Plan Review #19-102 for
Construction of a 204,000 Square Foot Warehouse/Manufacturing Building at 10401 Winnetka
Avenue North.

6.2 MOTION JACOBSON, SECOND RUSSELL TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-57 APPROVING SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR A BUSINESS PARK BUILDING AT 10401 WINNETKA AVENUE NORTH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.3 Planning Director Cindy Sherman briefed the Council on the Property Conveyance to
MNDOT for the Highway 169/101st Avenue Interchange.

6.3 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 8600 101ST AVENUE NORTH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.4 (4.4) Planning Director Sherman briefed on the “Windchime Trail 4th Addition” Final Plat #19-103 and Conveyance of City Property at 10214 Regent Avenue North.

Council Member Mata stated he called the City Manager to pull the item off the Consent
because it was not a unanimous vote and it should be somewhere different on the agenda
because he voted no to it. He stated he was only voting no to first motion because he felt the
city did not need all the land on both sides of the trail and it could go back to homeowners on
each side. He stated if they were maintaining that property and someone was actually doing
something there, the city would have caught it a long time ago there was a fire pit and other
things on city land. He stated he was voting no to first motion.

6.4 (4.4) MOTION LUNDE, SECOND PARKS TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #2019-1239 AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY. MOTION PASSED. (6 TO 1) MATA VOTED NO.

6.4 (4.4) MOTION MATA, SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2019-58 APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF “WINDCHIME TRAIL 4TH ADDITION” SUBDIVIDING 1.6 ACRES INTO ONE SINGLE-FAMILY LOT AND ONE OUTLOT AT 10214 REGENT AVENUE NORTH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
7.1 Operations and Maintenance Director Dan Ruiz briefed the Council to Approve an Exception to O&M Policy 5.40 and Approve an Agreement with Hennepin County for County State Aid Highway 81 Landscape Maintenance.

Council Member Mata stated it was an exception to the policy and it was not the city’s road and asked how the city could have a policy that dictated the road. He stated it seemed like Hennepin County put it in there and the city was going to maintain it. He stated it was not an exception to the policy because it was not the city’s road and was confused how the Council was voting to make exception to the policy.

Operations and Maintenance Director Ruiz stated the policy specifically called it out, “with principle or minor arterial roadways with more than two lanes in each direction, such as CSAH 81, shall not be candidates for median landscaping.” He stated it was specifically called out in the O&M policy approved by the Council. He stated the policy was still good but thought they needed to point out to current Council that it was a change from a previous policy, which happened, and things changed. He stated the county was investing hundreds of thousands of dollars along the corridor and step up in terms of maintaining things for the first three years. He stated they were working with the city as a partner and a lot of that had changed. He stated they would try it and was going to see how much the true maintenance cost really was when the city had to take it over.

Council Member Mata stated it sounded like they had an opportunity as a Council to trump the County and somehow he didn’t think that was possible. He asked if they didn’t create an exception, did that mean they couldn’t do the project.

Operations and Maintenance Director Ruiz stated if the Council didn’t approve the exception tonight, they wouldn’t approve the maintenance agreement and the city wouldn’t take over the maintenance after a couple of years and there was a chance it wouldn’t look good.

Council Member Mata stated his problem was that they were going to plant trees for one year and the city took over maintenance of trees after one year. He stated the other things were for extended years and he was watching trees in the boulevard medians die in one year and worried that after that year the city would be stuck with it. He stated they didn’t have an idea of the maintenance costs for that project they were voting on something that Hennepin County hadn’t run with for a couple of years to see what the costs really were. He stated there were a lot of things they were voting on without knowing the costs and Hennepin County would run it for a while and they were going to see what the costs were. He stated at that point they were locked in and there was no getting out. He stated it was a county road and the county should put in a median and was okay for them to put the median in. He stated he was okay for them to take care of it for the life of them taking care of it. He stated the city didn’t have it along 610, 169, 252, areas where they put in the trees in and shrubs and along the retaining walls and in the clover leafs and they came back and maintained them. He stated since a motion had been made, he wouldn’t support it because he was not locking himself into a landscaping that didn’t even work and the County went through and replaced it every year because of the salt mix the city used and killed everything. He stated the next thing they knew was that the city was handcuffed into a five year plan after that and the expense was way more than anyone thought about. He stated without any track history he couldn’t approve it.

7.1 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND PARKS TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION #2019-59 TO APPROVE AN EXCEPTION TO O&M POLICY 5.40 AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH HENNEPIN COUNTY FOR COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY 81 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE. MOTION PASSED. (6 TO 1) MATA VOTED NO.

7.2 Council Member Russel briefed the Council on the travel to attend the Making Cities Livable Conference.

Council Member Mata stated that over the years he had been on the Council before, and now approved a lot of travel because he was one vote for people to leave the city on taxpayers expense. He stated there had been a few times where he voted on the opposite side of it because he didn’t feel that was something that would benefit the city of which he had a right to vote on. He stated he did not feel that was one of those things and thought they all in their own personal lives had the ability to go anywhere they wanted to on their own dime. He stated he didn’t think that was one of those that he wanted to support the taxpayer’s money for.

Council Member West-Hafner stated she was struggling with how it fit in the priorities of the city because Hennepin County had five to six different pedestrian planners that the city could tap into to get help with any kind of planning for health initiatives or creating trails. She thought the Council needed to come with a policy or guideline about how they were going to do it, otherwise, they needed to budget for every single Council Member to be able to go to a conference and or it should be limited to the League of Minnesota Cities or something that was very specific to the work on the Council. She stated that based on that budget, they would not have enough for all of them to go to a conference this year that was of an interest to them.

7.2 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND PHA TO APPROVE TRAVEL FOR COUNCIL MEMBER WYNFRED RUSSELL TO ATTEND THE JUNE 17-21, 2019 MAKING CITIES LIVABLE CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

Mayor Lunde stated the National League of Cities did a healthy living conference and the international ones always scare him because they tended to get what Europe thought. He stated the NLC had a conference in the fall that had some of those items and might be better served out of that versus the international one. He stated the Council typically honed in the national ones but recognized Council Member Russell’s passion for that issue. He stated the NLC had people who couldn’t spend money either like Brooklyn Park and other small cities all over the country that had one trip every five years and needed to make them count. He stated he might consider to attend that so he could pursue his passion on that issue. He stated NLC had those topic areas embedded inside the conference. He might not get the international flavor, but might get more of what he wanted and more of what other cities like Brooklyn Park and other cities in the country are struggling with.

Council Member Russell stated the information was sent to the Council and it fit in line with a lot of things he was passionate about and doing in the community and he hoped to continue to do and work with the County, city and community groups. He stated that prior to being on the Council, he had worked with the County and city in trying to put forth some of those policies to increase the walkability, bike ability, public transit and access to parks and trails. He stated he saw it as a great opportunity to network and learn from other cities. He stated that even though the city had some amenities, there was still a large portion of the city that didn’t have access to parks and trails. He stated some the amenities helped reduce cardiovascular diseases, obesity and gave access to fresh fruits and vegetables.
Council Member West-Hafner stated she wanted to make sure it was clear that she was not against the Council traveling. She thought they needed to sit down and figure out a policy or procedural guideline about exactly how the conferences were going to get picked, how much they could cost, and what the expectations were for someone when coming back from those conferences. She stated she could go to conferences where she worked and didn’t necessarily mean anyone else was benefitting from them and didn’t actually share that information or was told that she had to. She stated she didn’t have an issue with the Council traveling, and if there was one in the fall, she would be interested in going.

Mayor Lunde thought it would good for the Council to have a discussion on it. He thought it was a good point if there were conferences they planned out and they didn’t have money, yet it was one of the ones they picked like the NLC D.C. trip because of lobbying, they were aware of what they were doing.

City Manager Stroebel stated he had an idea for budgeting the $12,000 to $13,000 a year for the last couple of years. He stated he could bring back later for conversation that the Mayor had one trip a year, three other Council members go on one trip that particular year and the other three could go on the off year. If a Council member chose not to go, maybe those were unspent dollars as part of the budget. He stated the Mayor would have an opportunity every year to travel and half of the Council members could go on one that year and the other half of Council members go on the alternate years.

7.2 THE VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – PHA, RUSSELL, JACOBSON, PARKS, LUNDE; NO – WEST-HAFNER, MATA.

At 9:41 p.m., City Attorney Thomson departed.

8.1 Development Project Coordinator Erika Byrd briefed the Council on the Apartment Action Plan status. She briefed on: Background, Action Plan 2.0 outline, Examples of ongoing apartment action items, Status Update Highlights: Tracking and addressing tenant complaints, Expand Rec on the Go, Ensure tenants engagement and communication at apartment communities are receiving city financial resources, Expand New Connect Program to Apartment communities, Eviction Study and Conversations about eviction, and Projects in 2019.

Police Inspector Bill Barritt briefed on the Status Update Highlights: Address problems and provide support at Huntington Place and Police efforts including Blue Blocks at Huntington Place, Kensington Place, and Autumn Ridge apartments.

Mayor Lunde thanked staff for the New Connect program. He stated when neighbors knew neighbors, good things happened and tended to think about houses and needed to apply that same line of thinking to apartments, and even meeting their neighbors, that only helped to strengthen things. He asked if there was a way to localize alerts to a neighborhood to the Apartments. He stated it was not the snow alerts and they had talked about it with some ideas when people signed their rents if they could have something where they can text on the spot as they were signing their leases that they could automatically sign up for the alerts. He stated he didn’t worry about the snow removal because he had two cars and they were in a garage but people who had cars in the streets, they might not know the city’s rules.

Community Development Director Berggren stated her understanding on how they were doing
alerts was that they were doing it by neighborhoods. She stated the Tip411 system had a different alerting system related to crime and didn’t think they had something specific related to an apartment complex. She stated that would be something they would encourage the owners to do.

Mayor Lunde asked if there was a way to sign up for text alerts, because it would be useful when people were leasing to work with the apartment owners to have the ability to get texts and automatically sign up for alerts by those signing the leases.

Community Development Director Berggren stated they could look into it. She stated one thing that was encouraging was people signing up for their neighborhood programs as they were becoming a new renter in the community.

Mayor Lunde asked if there was a way they could see the success rate on how many people in apartments signed up for the neighborhood alerts. He stated they might have a good idea of getting anyone in apartments, but if they found out that no one in the apartments was signing up and not aware of things, that’s one of the things they had to work on.

Police Inspector Barritt stated they worked closely with apartment managers within the apartment communities whether it was based on crime, safety, and snow emergency. He stated a lot of literature did go out directly to the apartment residents, and on many occasions, hand delivered flyers door to door depending on what that might be. He stated that was one of those things included in the New Connect bags, the snow emergency and information about Tip411. He stated he didn’t have the count on how many signed up for Tip411 but didn’t think the system was able to track by specific location to extract and break it down on how many are signed up in a specific community.

Council Member Mata stated there were a few things on the eviction policy. He stated they wanted to make sure when they looked at some of that to separate some of the apartment complexes, such as the seniors and the 55 and older complexes. He stated he would hate for them who didn’t have a high eviction issue help bring down the numbers. He stated that some things mentioned Rec on the Go and the things the city was putting into the apartment complexes, that he was confused on what the city needed to be doing as opposed to the apartment complexes. He stated they were a business housing a lot of people, and in the past, he remembered apartment complexes had playgrounds and pools and all kinds of activities outside, and as the city start to go there, saw the utilization diminishing, the playground went away and they no longer had pools. He stated that with some events the city was bringing to them, they were budget cutting dollars in their bottom line.

He stated that on the police calls, he recalled one establishment bar/restaurant on Brooklyn Boulevard that was not there anymore, that had a lot of calls. He stated the city decided at that point to mandate them to have a city police officer there on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night due to the volume of calls. He stated if the police were going into the apartment complexes to be their security, then they needed to charge them. He stated as a business owner, if he had a problem at his office, he was going to figure out a way to solve it because that off duty police officer was costing him a lot more money than if he found a way to solve it. He stated the city was spending a lot of hours, a lot of resources, that the taxpayers were footing the bill because some businesses were not managing themselves properly. He stated that was something he wanted the Council to look at and was never passed onto the apartment complexes.
He stated he knew of one apartment complex in the east side that actually had someone say “don’t call the police” because it was a count against them. He stated he wanted the residents to feel free to call police for emergencies. He thought for some of the emergencies they would have to produce something or the city would charge them and then put an off duty police officer in the driveway. He stated the goal was to keep people safe and not parking a vehicle there for the trouble. He stated he wanted to make sure the people could get out of their cars and get to their units safely and wanted to provide it for them, but was not going to be at the expense of everyone that lived far away from that area. He stated he wanted the expense to the business, otherwise he wanted the Police Department to give him something on that and what could they do, what did they want the Council to push to them. He stated they needed to look into it if they were going to provide amenities for those complexes and needed to figure out a way to get reimbursed for it.

Council Member Jacobson stated they heard from Home Line on the eviction report and a couple of the Council Members attended the eviction forum with the property managers and property owners where they heard different stories and stats. She stated that now they were saying the Council would also hear from tenants and was wondering if they might be better off holding some type of large scale meeting where everyone came to the table and be able to get to the bottom of the issue and start to figure out what to do about it.

Development Project Coordinator Byrd stated that staff talked about that idea and what they were proposing in the interim was one meeting with the social service sphere to get some representatives more interested in continuing that larger conversation.

Community Development Director Kim Berggren stated it had been one of those strategies people had talked about. She stated one of the concerns was that of the tenant engagement needed to be done with respect for the kind of narrative of personal stories from the tenants. She stated they had a draft proposal from a group that was interested in doing that body of work for the city and what kind of work that would look like. She stated at some point there might need to be some convenings that are larger, but they were feeling that working with each stake holder group at the beginning was a sensitive approach to the situation given the complexity of it.

Council Member Jacobson stated her email box filled up after getting the Eviction Reports from people who were landlords who owned properties, not large apartments complexes, also from houses who also had to file evictions and talking about the usual process. She stated that being at the forum and working with the homelessness platform herself, the stories didn’t align as of yet. She stated the Council owed it to everyone in the community whether they were a tenant, a property owner, property manager, or someone wanted to make sure it was done right. She stated they had to dig in a little more rather than taking that report at face value and what others were saying the numbers looked like compared to the other information, and she was concerned about it.

Council Member Pha stated staff did great job in facilitating the conversation between Autumn Ridge and the tenants and helping those meetings come together. She stated that she attended those meetings and saw the end results of the rehab project, although not completely done, but thought the tenant engagement and communication resulted in a better project. She stated it improved the quality of life for the tenants there being part of that process. She thanked staff for also including into that plan to help the next two rehabilitation projects, Brooks Landing.
and Brooks Gardens. She stated she wanted to see the same great results that came from Autumn Ridge and to continue keep the Council updated on it.

9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Stroebel thanked those Council Members attending the Employee State of the City event and stated it demonstrated a show of support to the employees.

He also reported on the following events:

- On Wednesday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Active Aging Spring Resource Fair at the Community Activity Center.
- On Thursday, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Meet your City Planning Director Cindy Sherman event at the Brooklyn Park Library.
- On Thursday evening, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Osseo Area Schools will be having conversations around DED for Liberians. He stated there had been a one year reprieve for the community members that were on DED, but thought there were ongoing concerns regarding the long term situations for those community members.
- Youth in Government Day would be two weeks from tonight. There would be a dinner and connecting with students at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. where there would be a couple of youth themed topics for the first hour. The Board of Appeal and Equalization would reconvene at 8:00 p.m. and conclude any other Council items after that board meeting.
- On Monday, April 29, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., would be the Council/staff leadership retreat and the location was TBD. The first couple hours would be an opportunity for education or for team building. This year, he would like Council to participate in the Insights Discovery process and there would be personal reports created for each Council Member. He stated the benefit of that would be some team building opportunities of sharing high level summaries around that work. He stated a number of the departments participated in the Insights process and had gotten great value from it. He stated the last couple of hours would be spent on priority setting discussions facilitated by Community Engagement Manager Shardlow with Directors participating.
- On Monday, May 13, at 4:00 p.m., would be the first State of the Community Address by the Mayor at Edinburgh USA to talk about what was happening in the city; and opportunity to showcase the new club house renovations and the new caterer, D’Amico. He stated the Mayor offered to go speak to different businesses and other organizations in the city about what was happening in Brooklyn Park.

10.1 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND RUSSELL TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL IN RECOGNITION OF AND RESPECT FOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ELENORE SWENSON AND RESPECTFULLY ASK THE SUPPORT OF FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS.

ELENORE WAS A FORMER CITY EMPLOYEE AND WORKED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE AND IN THE ASSESSING OFFICE IN THE MID TO EARLY 1980’S. SHE ALSO SERVED AS AN ELECTION JUDGE AND ABSENTEE VOTING JUDGE
FOR MANY ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY. SHE WAS VERY DEDICATED AND PROUDLY SERVED THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK COMMUNITY. HER CONTRIBUTIONS TOUCHED MANY LIVES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

I FURTHER REQUEST THE MOTION BE MADE A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORDS OF THIS BODY AND THAT A LETTER BEARING THE CITY SEAL AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR BE SENT TO THE FAMILY ADVISING THEM OF THIS ACTION. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT – With consensus of the Council, Mayor Lunde adjourned the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

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JEFFREY JONEAL LUNDE, MAYOR

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DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK