

Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Council Chambers  
5200 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

## COUNCIL WORK SESSION – AGENDA #35

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***Our Vision: Brooklyn Park, a thriving community inspiring pride where opportunities exist for all.***

### ***Our Brooklyn Park 2025 Goals:***

***• A united and welcoming community, strengthened by our diversity • Beautiful spaces and quality infrastructure make Brooklyn Park a unique destination • A balanced economic environment that empowers businesses and people to thrive • People of all ages have what they need to feel healthy and safe • Partnerships that increase racial and economic equity empower residents and neighborhoods to prosper • Effective and engaging government recognized as a leader***

- A. **CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Jeffrey Lunde**
- B. **GENERAL INFORMATION**  
None
- C. **DISCUSSION ITEMS/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS – These items will be discussion items but the City Council may act upon them during the course of the meeting.**
  - C.1** 2021 Preliminary Budget Discussion
  - C.2** Police Reform and Racial Justice Discussion
  - C.3** Plaza Park and Youth Mural Artwork
- D. **VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - D.1 COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - D.2 CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- E. **ADJOURNMENT**

# City of Brooklyn Park Council Work Session

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 8, 2020	<b>Originating Department:</b>	Administration/Finance
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	C.1	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jay Stroebel, City Manager LaTonia Green, Finance Director
<b>Agenda Section:</b>	Discussion Items/ General Action Items	<b>Presented By:</b>	Jay Stroebel and LaTonia Green
<b>Item:</b>	2021 Preliminary Budget Discussion		

## Summary:

The presentation and discussion will focus on the General Fund significant changes from the 2020-2021 Final Budget and potential levy calculations.

The purpose of this discussion is to provide an overview of the anticipated changes to the 2021 Budget and to receive direction from City Council on the maximum property tax levy impact for 2021.

The City Council must set a preliminary tax levy for 2021 before September 30, 2020. Setting the preliminary tax levy indicates the maximum amount of property tax levy the city is proposing to collect in 2021. This number cannot be increased, although the City Council maintains the flexibility to reduce the levy prior to final levy certification in December.

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 8, 2020	<b>Originating Department:</b>	Administration
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	C.2	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jay Stroebel, City Manager
<b>Agenda Section:</b>	Discussion Items/ General Action Items	<b>Presented By:</b>	Jay Stroebel, Wokie Freeman-Gbogba, Assistant City Manager, and Craig Enevoldsen, Police Chief
<b>Item:</b>	Police Reform and Racial Justice Discussion		

## Summary:

At the August 31, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council requested time be reserved at the September 8 Work Session to further discuss the current status, timing and next steps of the police reform and racial justice work.

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 8, 2020	<b>Originating Department:</b>	Recreation and Parks Community Development
<b>Agenda Item:</b>	C.3	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jody Yungers
<b>Agenda Section:</b>	Discussion Items/ General Action Items	<b>Presented By:</b>	Jody Yungers, Director Recreation and Parks, and Kim Berggren, Director Community Development
<b>Item:</b>	Plaza Park and Youth Mural Artwork		

**Summary:**

When North Hennepin Community College (NHCC) sold the land to Hennepin County for the new library, the City, Hennepin County and NHCC leaders agreed that the northeast corner of 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West Broadway would be a shared public plaza. This vision was affirmed as part of the METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) station area planning when the community identified the plaza park as a priority. This plaza park was also incorporated into the North Hennepin Community College (NHCC) campus master planning process as an important element to the design of the future Center for Innovation & The Arts (CITA). The Plaza Park land is owned by NHCC and the project is a partnership between NHCC, the City of Brooklyn Park, and Hennepin County. The building of a temporary plaza park was envisioned to be a multi-year project beginning in 2019 and concluding when the CITA project begins construction.

To help support the development of the Plaza Park, in 2019, the Economic Development Authority's (EDA) staff submitted a grant application to the Hennepin County Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) program and received a \$55,000 grant to support materials necessary for the development and activation of the plaza to include visual and performing arts programs and activities. As part of the grant application, the EDA provided \$15,000 to help support the project. In addition, the Cultivate Bottineau: Culture, Community, Culture project, coordinated by Spring Board for the Arts under contract with Hennepin County and in coordination with the cities along the corridors (see <https://springboardforthearts.org/cultivate/>), provided funding for artists to complete art pieces that are in the plaza. Funding for Cultivate Bottineau came from the McKnight Foundation.

In 2020, Brooklyn Park's operations and maintenance staff finalized construction of the base-level design of the plaza and installed the nature-based play area, portable toilets, and seating with shade. The City worked in partnership with Hennepin County and the Cultivate Bottineau program to solicit local artists to design and construct elements for the plaza including an artistic canoe bench, a movable robot-themed stage, and painted enclosures for program storage.

Local artist Geno Okok was commissioned for the project and asked to work with youth from the community to give their voice to the project and develop a mural on the program storage container. The City, through its Recreation and Parks Department, has used art to allow for youth voice in the community, including the City's *Brooklyn Park 2025* six community goals, Black History Month Mural and Stormwater Mural at River Park.

At the August 31, 2020 Council meeting, staff was asked by Council to add Plaza Park and the youth mural artwork as an agenda item for the September 8, 2020 work session.