

REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Council Chambers
Via Telephone or other electronic means
5200 85th Avenue North

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 Chief Craig Enevoldsen and City Clerk Devin Montero.

ABSENT: None.

Mayor Lunde read a statement regarding the meeting via telephone or other electronic means.

Mayor Lunde opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2A RESPONSE TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENT

City Manager stated there were a couple of comments from last meeting related to 93rd Avenue and staff had since spoke with development contractor to get on a path to resolve that situation.

2B PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Joe Klohs, 8900 West River Road. Mayor Lunde read Mr. Klohs email. (on file in the city clerks office)
2. William Feist, 8878 Zealand Avenue. Stated he property purchased at 8878 Zealand Avenue N. and owns a towing business with AAA. Stated the city assessor sent a copy of his tax statement that was increased by 81% and was shocked. He stated the assessor had the property overvalued and the tax market value went from \$323,000 to \$563,000, a \$240,000 increase. He stated the yearly tax amount nearly doubled in one year on proposed levies and taxes, from \$9,843.36 to \$17,793.20. He stated the sale price of the property when he purchased was \$540,000, but his impression after the sale was that he overpaid by a couple hundred thousand dollars too much for the building. He stated it was old and needed many updates and the fire marshal came in a year ago with a sprinkling system and he just finished it today at \$4,500. He stated the building needed a roof, and the garage door was replaced at \$7,500 and the black top was \$31,000. He stated the property was rented out for many years and nothing was done with it. He stated he found out the classification was changed from commercial to industrial and talked to the city assessor and she said it did not affect what he was paying in taxes. He stated the property had been assessed and increased beyond its value. He was a small business owner and with COVID, he laid off 80% of staff in March and now a second round was coming. He stated he sent his staff home with families and the first round they got a \$600 check plus unemployment and didn't see anything going to them again. He stated he was down 30-40 percent on towing revenue this year and was not getting better because traffic was down, winter was warm, and people were not traveling. He stated he couldn't afford the 81% increase, understood the city couldn't do any with it and was a County issue. He just wanted the Council to know what was happening. He stated there were other businesses in his area that got hit the same way. He stated he understood it was a County issue and had been there to appeal before, but he missed it this year because he was doing everything to stay afloat with his business.

He stated it was a struggle and will be a struggle for another year. He stated the property tax increase of \$700 per month was unfair but would keep trying to live and keep people employed.

3. Collette Guyott-Hempel, 9277 Trinity Gardens. Gave well wishes to the injured officer and gratitude to police officers. She wished Council Member Mata and Mayor Lunde the best in their future endeavors.

She stated the Lyons construction had not cleaned up their construction garbage that was on the medians and trees near the Pulte properties. Said code enforcement told her 10 days ago Lyons construction was going to clean it up.

Stated that with properties damaged in January and February 2019, there were four properties out of nine on her cul-de-sac that backed up to 93rd Avenue that had damage in their back yards. She stated one person did cosmetic repairs and sold the house and were tired of the racing and sirens. She stated the Bratton's neighbors had significant damage to the interior and would like assistance.

She stated it might not sound like much but it was an environmental impact since they moved so much dirt on the berms of 800 square feet on their property as well as the retaining wall that collapsed on a section of Bratton's property. She stated she applauded the Planning Director in helping and thought the environment impact might be in that contract. She stated she looked forward to some assistance to both of those neighbors and they realized with dirt moving it was hard to make it get fixed.

She looked forward to 93rd Avenue being 30 or 35 mph and 30 mph worked pretty good for city streets.

She stated she was disappointed with some residents in the city who thought using guns and doing whatever they wanted was an okay way to act in the community. She stated it impacted the city's reputation and the city staff and most residents worked hard to make the city a livable community.

3A. MOTION LUNDE SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY CLERK AND ADDING ITEM 4.6.

Mayor Lunde called for a roll call vote.

3A THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – PHA, WEST-HAFNER, RUSSELL, JACOBSON, PARKS, MATA, LUNDE; NO – NONE.

3B PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / RECEIPT OF GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS.

3B1. Resolution and Presentation of Plaques to Council Member Mark Mata and Mayor Jeffrey Lunde in Recognition of their Service to the City of Brooklyn Park.

3B1 Mayor Lunde read a resolution in recognition of service to the city by Council Member Mark Mata.

3B1 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO READ AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-175 IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARK MATA.

Mayor Lunde called for a roll call vote.

3B1 THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – WEST-HAFNER, RUSSELL, JACOBSON, PARKS, MATA, PHA, LUNDE; NO – NONE.

Council Member Mata addressed the Council and community on his service to the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Jacobson read a resolution in recognition of service to the city by Mayor Jeffrey Lunde.

3B1 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO READ AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-176 IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK BY MAYOR JEFFREY LUNDE.

Mayor Lunde called for a roll call vote.

3B1 THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – RUSSELL, JACOBSON, PARKS, MATA, PHA, WEST-HAFNER, LUNDE; NO – NONE.

Mayor Lunde addressed the Council and community with a PowerPoint presentation.

4.0 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND JACOBSON TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS: (ITEM 4.6 WAS ADDED)

4.1 TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 4, 2021, FOR AN ON-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR DOS HERMANOS, LLC DBA DOS HERMANOS MEXICAN GRILL AND BAR, 1408 85TH AVENUE N, BROOKLYN PARK.

4.2 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-177 TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CRYSTAL AND THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-178 TO APPROVE A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (LOGIS) FOR IP TELEPHONY AND INTERNET HOSTING SERVICES.

4.4 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-179 AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE YMCA FOR JUVENILE RUNAWAY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMING.

4.5 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-180 ESTABLISHING POLLING PLACES IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK FOR THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN 2021.

4.6 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-181 AUTHORIZING

THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ZIEGLER CAT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR AT THE CENTRAL POLICE FACILITY.

4.0 Mayor Lunde called for a roll call vote.

4.0 THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – JACOBSON, PARKS, MATA, PHA, WEST-HAFNER, RUSSELL, LUNDE; NO – NONE.

7.1 Recreations and Parks Director Jody Yungers briefed Council with a PowerPoint presentation and introduced Three Rivers Park District Commissioner Jennifer DeJournett.

7.1 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND PHA TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-182 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY REGIONAL PARK AND ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE AREA.

Mayor Lunde called for a roll call vote.

7.1 THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – PARKS, MATA, PHA, WEST-HAFNER, RUSSELL, JACOBSON, LUNDE; NO – NONE.

7.1 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND PHA TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-183 AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF TWO PARCELS OF PARK LAND TO THREE RIVERS PARK DISTRICT AND PREPETUAL EASEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE FACILITY TO BE BUILT ON CITY PROPERTY.

Mayor Lunde called for a roll call vote.

7.1 THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – MATA, PHA, WEST-HAFNER, RUSSELL, JACOBSON, PARKS, LUNDE; NO – NONE.

7.2 Approve the Policy for setting speed limits on city streets.

City Engineer Jesse Struve briefed the Council with PowerPoint presentation.

7.2 MOTION LUNDE, SECOND PHA TO APPROVE THE POLICY FOR SETTING SPEED LIMITS ON CITY STREETS.

7.2 MOTION MATA, SECOND PARKS, TO AMEND THE MOTION TO 2/3 VOTES INSTEAD OF 4/5 VOTES.

Mayor Lunde stated he would accept it as a friendly amendment and asked seconder Pha if she would accept the change as a friendly amendment to the motion. Council Member Pha accepted the change as a friendly amendment to the motion.

Mayor Lunde called for a roll call vote.

7.2 THE VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – PHA, WEST-HAFNER, RUSSELL, JACOBSON, PARKS, MATA, LUNDE; NO – NONE.

At 10:03 p.m., Mayor Lunde called for a recess and stated the Council would reconvene at 10:10 p.m.

At 10:10 p.m., Mayor Lunde reconvened the meeting.

7.3 MOTION JACOBSON, SECOND WEST-HAFNER TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2020-184 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JEFFREY LUNDE AS MAYOR AND DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AS OF 12:01 A.M. ON JANUARY 3, 2021.

Mayor Lunde called for a roll call vote.

7.3 THE VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES – WEST-HAFNER, RUSSELL, JACOBSON, PARKS, MATA, PHA, LUNDE; NO – NONE.

8.1 Update on Police Reform and Racial Justice Discussions.

Council Member Mata suggested a police score card that was reviewed when someone went to jail to assist the Police Department in situations and convictions that could have measurable outcomes.

8.2 Discussion on Parking of Commercial Vehicles on Private Property.

Planning Director Cindy Sherman briefed the Council. She stated there was one individual who would like to address the Council.

1. Samuel Garrett;6908 73rd Avenue. A business owner in the city and putting a vehicle out of sight should be an issue. He stated he sees RVs that dwarfed the size of his food truck throughout the city and uses his food truck to pay bills and savings. Stated he couldn't see the difference with ungodly RVs parked in driveways. He stated his food truck allows him to make a living versus someone's recreational vehicle. He stated he had space on the side on his garage and property and could leave it securely there. He stated he also heard of putting them on other lots and asked if that would be secure. He asked who would pay for the insurance to pay for damages or theft on his truck. He stated he would be paying more money out of pocket; he had the space to put his truck on his property and would love to be afforded the same liberties as those having RVs on their property.

8.3 Discuss Legislative Agenda for 2021

City Manager Jay Stroebel briefed the Council on the 2021 Legislative agenda. He stated for the 2002 legislative agenda, got legislation on the dissolution of the Fire Relief Association. He stated that for 2021 would look at getting funding needs Blue Line LRT project; educate and lay

foundation for Center Innovation for Arts project; continued COVID relief; and support for business community and community members within the city.

9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Pha stated she was recently at Brooklyn Alliance for Youth survey event and they had shared the results of the survey. She stated the survey showed there was a need for mental wellness for the young people and should be added to the legislative agenda to advocate for state funding and programs. She stated it was an eye opening event and gave insight on what the youth needs were now. She stated she was hoping they would share those results with Council at the beginning next year.

Council Member Russell reiterated to consider taking the COVID vaccine when it becomes available.

Council Member Jacobson stated she was also on the Brooklyn Alliance survey launch call and was very eye opening. She stated it was critical that everyone paid attention to mental health issues now as like the youth homelessness, there were not enough beds, and it continues to be a concern for the kids in the community.

Council Member Parks stated a past Community Long-range Improvement Commission member, Cory Funk, reached out to him, Mayor Lunde, and Council Member Jacobson on Commissions looking for more to do. He stated Mr. Funk thought the Council could use the Commissioners more than hiring consultants. He stated there were a lot of volunteers to help as well as any consultant the city paid for. He stated the Council could discuss it at a work session next year.

Mayor Lunde expressed his support and appreciation for the Police Department and with the wounding of an officer on Friday. He stated got a lot of feedback with speaking with Governor, other county commissioners, and mayors from around the city. He stated it was a very eye opening experience and many people from the metro and state sent notes of support. He stated that people were paying attention and sent thanks and support for the officer and something he did not see coming. He stated he wanted to thank the Police Department because domestic calls were the worst and unpredictable and how important their work was.

9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Stroebel thanked the community for the support of officers involved Friday evening. He stated the next Council meeting would be January 4, 2021. He gave a final thanks to Council Member Mata and Mayor Lunde and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and would see the Council in 2021.

ADJOURNMENT – With consensus of the Council, Mayor Lunde adjourned the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

JEFFREY JONEAL LUNDE, MAYOR

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK

