

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK PLANNING COMMISSION Work Session – January 24, 2024



#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Those present were: Commissioners Cavin, Fraser, Kiekow, and Borer; Councilmember McGarvey; Planning Assistant Hayes-Regan, Associate Planner McDermott, Planning Director Mogush, and Principal Planner Turnquest.

Those excused were: Commissioners Turner, Udomah, Wako, and Gaye-Bai.

#### 2. GENERAL INFORMATION

None.

#### 3. DISCUSSION ITEMS/GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

##### A.1 Electric Mobility Opportunities for Brooklyn Park

City of Brooklyn Park Recycling Manager Tim Pratt introduced Dustin Weigl and Nicole Rosner of National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

Weigl and Rosner presented to the commissioners and staff the report Electric Mobility Opportunities for Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Communities Local Energy Action Program (LEAP) Pilot. The presentation included: an overview of Communities LEAP Pilot; an introduction to the Electric Mobility Report; an overview of electric mobility programs; infrastructure needs generally; opportunities specific to Brooklyn Park; and an overview of next steps, including the Pathways Toward Electric Mobility report that has an expected publication of March 2024.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Weigl and Rosner facilitated a discussion with commissioners and staff. The discussion included questions about the priorities and effectiveness of the LEAP Pilot, opportunities that Brooklyn Park could miss out and/or fall behind on, and exploring options in Brooklyn Park that residents can take advantage of now and in the future.

Planning Director Mogush noted that the presentation was relevant for planning and development because of the importance of developing sustainable infrastructure.

Recycling Manager Pratt concluded the discussion by highlighting educational resources that are available, the opportunity for providing residents with access to critical services, and the buildout of electric vehicle charging stations.

##### A.2 Zoning Code Update

Principal Planner Turnquest presented to the commissioners and staff a timeline for changes to the City of Brooklyn Park's zoning code. The presentation included background about why the zoning code needs to be updated and a timeline for updating the zoning code. Principal Planner Turnquest highlighted two phases of the scope of work: phase one involves a series

of text amendments to the current city code, and phase two involves any post-land use amendments.

Principal Planner Turnquest said that the Planning Commission Work Sessions and Regular Meetings will be used for reviewing, finalizing, and recommending the text amendments to the City Council.

Principal Planner Turnquest then facilitated a conversation with commissioners and staff about the updates. Items included in the conversation were the scope of changes to the zoning code, questions about resources the City is using for implementing and administering the zoning code update, and the expectations of staff and commissioners, including of new commissioners when a new term starts in April, leading up to and during Planning Commission Work Sessions and Regular Meetings.

Emphasizing the timeline Principal Planner Turnquest presented, Planning Director Mogush noted to the commissioners that there will be several Work Sessions in the coming months happening in conjunction with the Planning Commission Regular Meetings.

#### **4. VERBAL REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **A. COUNCILMEMBER LIASON COMMENTS**

Councilmember McGarvey gave an update to commissioners and staff about City Council's legislative priorities meeting.

##### **B. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None.

##### **C. STAFF LIASON COMMENTS**

None.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Chair Fraser adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Mogush  
Planning Director