

REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 11, Date, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Council Chambers
5200 85th Avenue North

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Hollies Winston

PRESENT Mayor Hollies Winston; Council Members Boyd Morson, Xp Lee, Christian Eriksen, Tony McGarvey and Nicole Klonowski; City Manager Jay Stroebel; City Attorney Tolar Siobhan; Community Development Director Kim Berggren; Finance Director LaTonia Green; Operations and Maintenance Director Dan Ruiz; Recreation and Parks Director Brad Tullberg; Police Chief Mark Bruley and City Clerk Devin Montero.

ABSENT: None.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Council Member Maria Tran (Scheduled to attend at 7pm)

Mayor Winston read a statement regarding a Council member participating by telephone or other electronic means.

Mayor Winston opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2A RESPONSE TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENT

City Manager Stroebel stated there were three public comments at the last council meeting. Collette Guyott Hempel provided input and suggestions on amenities needed in the community; Cindy Hill thanked everyone for the Black History Month event; and Mr. Howard Dotson and none of them needed a formal response.

2B PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Howard Dotson, 14103 68th Pl, Maple Grove. He stated it was twice now there was a situation where rules read by the mayor were not followed when he was giving public comment.

Mayor Winston stated his comments were of a personal grievance and encouraged Mr. Dotson to move on to other items or other council members would correct him too.

Mr. Dotson stated he had concerns about campaign finance, conflicts of interest with MIB and with Restoration Ministries. He stated he saw there was a news story about a new program on violence interrupters in the police station and he hoped that no one in that program was connected to those groups he had concerns about. He stated he found it a double standard where two could go to Japan on the city's dime and Council Member Morson couldn't go to Washington DC and he should be in Washington DC with the League of Cities. He asked what the benefit of the mayor and city manager going to Japan was.

Mayor Winston stated there needed to be a discussion by the council where people who were not residents of the city continued to make personal attacks and not have the capacity to understand the rules and stated if Mr. Dotson continued with the personal grievances, he would be cut off sooner and it would go to another level.

2. Collette Guyotte Hemple, 9277 Trinity Gardens. She requested the council put a referendum forward this fall on the November ballot. She realized typically a referendum took 8 months to prepare as stated at last week's meeting. She stated the pain between the ice rinks and basketball courts and the division in the city was almost getting to a boiling point. She stated she provided the council with information regarding what other cities comparable to the city were doing. She stated the city of Brooklyn Center, one third the size of the city, was trying to get a sales tax referendum passed to create two gyms and asked why the city couldn't get three and ask for a swimming pool. She stated Brooklyn Center had a swimming pool and Brooklyn Park residents had been asking for one for decades. She stated she would like to see a business write out a check for \$10 million but wouldn't see it.

She stated it was going to be on everyone to put some skin in the game and decide everyone was of equal value and the needs of every citizen was important. She stated it should be the voter's decision in November with the two questions. The fact it had been made clear, \$13 million was needed to add basketball courts and keep the ice rinks. Another \$5 to \$10 million was needed for a teen center promised in 2018, Another \$5 to 7 million was needed for the senior center. She stated if they totaled all of them and did a swimming pool, they needed \$80 million and should be the tax payer's decision. She stated she got her property assessment today and \$6,000 was added to her property and cut the homestead credit again. She stated everyone needed to work together to unite the community or the violence was going to keep going and people were still going to keep being offended. She stated asked the council to review the survey from April 2022, the September 5, 2023, work session on and the November work session at the council meeting, and they would see the need.

3. Andrea Perez Maikulla; 5147 95th way. She stated two weeks ago on Monday, February 26 the council voted to table indefinitely the discussion brought by the Human Rights Commission to work on a cease fire resolution on Gaza. She stated the council said, HRC needed to focus on things in the city. She wanted to tie things to the city related to the resolution. They had a genocide being livestreamed 24/7 to the entire world. They were becoming desensitized to violence and had come to expect inaction from politicians. When they heard gun shots in the streets, they had also expected inaction. She stated they would become if not already, desensitized to the violence in the communities and asked what that did to their mental health. She asked if they were not willing to demand an immediate cease fire and put an end to the genocide happening right before their eyes, was the council increasing mental health and community resources on the city's dime to all residents of the city or were they going to continue to pretend everything was business as usual.

She also thought of the enlisted service people who lived those lives and worked in the city who might be deployed to fight alongside one of the most powerful and sophisticated military in the world, to perpetuate a genocide against people without an army. She asked about them and about the families they would leave behind.

She stated as witnessed in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd by the Minneapolis police in 2020, worldwide protests erupted in all seven continents. Articles were written about the global impact that one event in Minneapolis had. She asked to image if other councils around the country and their counter parts around the world would have chosen to stay silent because it did not happen in their backyard. She stated

one article mentions the activists saw George Floyd's death as a symbol of the intolerance and injustice they faced at home.

She stated that was what they were advocating for, and it was narrow minded to think that a cease fire resolution was out of bounds for the city's Human Rights Commission. She stated, one, the taxpayer dollars were funding a genocide in Gaza. Two, there were human rights everywhere. She stated the lives of people in Brooklyn Park mattered more nor less than the lives of people in Gaza and quoted a passage from Lilla Watson, Aboriginal elder and activist.

She stated when she thought of her children in a few years' time, the genocide of the Palestinian people and US government's involvement would be permanently inked in their history class textbooks. When they asked her, what did she do in 2023/2024 to prevent that from happening, she stated she would lift her head up high and tell them that she used her voice to advocate for Gaza. That she spoke with the elected officials and gave them an opportunity to do the right thing. Instead of listening they used their political power to silence their recommendation, squashed it before the work session, and worried about optics rather than doing the humane thing.

4. Kari Palestino, 5237 Kings Circle N. She stated she lived behind the water treatment plant for 22 years. She stated it was the first year that she had to pick up at least of 1 to 2 bags of garbage every single day and was just insane. She didn't know where to go or what to do about it and wanted to start with the council. She wanted to know what the city, county and state were doing about all the garbage everywhere. She stated driving down I94 into Minneapolis, there was more and more garbage. She stated she should not have to pick up garbage every single day and had gotten out of hand. She stated in years past there was a spring cleaning and she would pick up trash around and that was that. This year she had to pick up 1 to 2 bags of garbage every single day. She stated she grew up with a commercial on the air where there was a Native American crying and talking about not littering and that was very impactful for her. She stated she didn't litter and didn't get why other people did it. She stated it was not just littering and the area was a wind tunnel and windy there all the time.

She thought there should be a garbage monitor when there was one when she first moved into her house. They would come around and put nasty grams on their garbage cans if they were not following the rules. She stated she didn't see that happening anymore and people's garbage was overflowing on garbage day and with the wind picking up, it just blew it everywhere. She stated people did not have enough garbage cans to handle their garbage. With the guys taking down the library, it was windy while they were doing it and all the sudden there was trash in the field behind her house. She stated she had heard that some states were fining corporations, for example, if someone found a Pepsi bottle littered, Pepsi corporation would be fined to encourage people to not litter. She stated it would be nice if something like that could happen and asked if the city got rid of the garbage monitor.

3A. MOTION KLONOWSKI, SECOND MCGARVEY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

Council Member Eriksen made a friendly amendment to the motion to move items 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 to the Discussion Items as 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3.

Council Members Klonowski and McGarvey accepted the friendly amendment to the motion.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

3A THE MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-KLONOWSKI, LEE, ERIKSEN, MORSON, MCGARVEY AND WINSTON; NO-NONE.

3B PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECEIPT OF GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

3B.1 Introduction of New Employees.

Finance Director Green introduced Mike Kaehler and Kevin Dinh as new employees to the finance department.

Community Development Michelle Peterson introduced Christopher George as a new employee to the Community Development Department.

3B.2 Human Rights Commission Annual Report and 2024 Work Plan.

Dr. Marcellus Davis introduced briefed the council and introduced Andre Perez Maikkula, Commissioner. She presented the Human Rights Commission Annual Report and 2024 Work Plan.

3B.2 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND LEE TO ACCEPT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 2024 WORK PLAN.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

3B.2 THE VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-KLONOWSKI, LEE, ERIKSEN, MORSON, MCGARVEY AND WINSTON; NO-NONE.

3B.3 Mayor's Proclamation to Recognize and Honor the Month of March 2024 as Women's History Month in the City of Brooklyn Park.

Mayor Winston stated Council Member Klonowski would read the proclamation.

Council member Klonowski read a proclamation to recognize and proclaim the Month of March, 2024 as a "Women's History Month" in the city of Brooklyn Park.

At 6:58 p.m. Council Member Tran joined the meeting.

Mayor called for a break to take pictures.

At 6:59 p.m. Mayor Winston reconvened the meeting.

3B.4 Arts and Engagement Update, Re-Beautification Survey, and 2023 Photo Contest Winners Presentation.

Recreation and Parks Director Brad Tullberg introduced Tashawna Williams, Arts and Engagement Specialist, and she gave an Arts and Engagement update, Re-Beautification Survey,

and the 2023 Photo Contest Winners.

4.0 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND MCGARVEY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEM:

4.1 TO FULLY RELEASE THE WESTERN SURETY COMPANY BOND #30127231 (\$1,825,900.00), TO FULLY RELEASE THE WESTERN SURETY COMPANY BOND #30112019 (\$1,044,000.00), TO FULLY REALEASE THE WESTERN SURETY COMPANY BOND #30127230 (\$1,362,400.00) FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE "610 COMMERCE CENTER 5TH" PROJECT #21-113.

4.2 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-38 TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 MSA CRACK SEAL PROJECT TO ALLIED BLACKTOP COMPANY.

4.3 TO APPROVE THE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE #2024-1299 DETERMINING THAT IT CLEARLY INFORMS THE PUBLIC OF THE INTENT AND EFFECT OF THE ORDINANCE.

4.4 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-39 TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BUDGET TO INCLUDE CIP4053.

4.5 TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE PETITION FOR VACATING ALL THAT PART OF THE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS ON LOTS 3, EDINBURGH CENTRE THIRD ADDITION (EXCEPTING THE SOUTHEASTERLY 10 FEET THEREOF), ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

4.5 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-40 ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE VACATING ALL THAT PART OF THE DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS ON LOTS 3, EDINBURGH CENTRE THIRD ADDITION (EXCEPTING THE SOUTHEASTERLY 10 FEET THEREOF), ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

4.0 THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-LEE, ERIKSEN, MORSON, MCGARVEY, TRAN, KLONOWSKI, AND WINSTON; NO-NONE.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None.

6. LAND USE ACTIONS-None.

7. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS.

At 7:21 p.m. Council Member Morson departed the Chambers.

7.1 Appointments to Commission.

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION (BAC).

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND ERIKSEN TO:

REAPPOINT NAHASHAN MOBISIA TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT WOLF MADSEN-FORREST TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

REAPPOINT TERRI MERRILL TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE WEST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

7.1 THE MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-ERIKSEN, MCGARVEY, TRAN, KLONOWSKI, LEE AND WINSTON; NO-NONE.

COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CLIC).

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND LEE TO:

APPOINT CINDY JOHNSON TO THE COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT PATRICK HOTH TO THE COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT THEO HARRIS TO THE COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE BALANCE OF A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2025.

REAPPOINT MARY HOOGHEEM TO THE COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT NAILAH HENDRICKSON TO THE COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE EAST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

REAPPOINT EDNA MCKENZIE TO THE COMMUNITY LONG-RANGE IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE WEST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

7.1 THE MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-MCGARVEY, TRAN,

KLONOWSKI, LEE, ERIKSEN, AND WINSTON; NO-NONE.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC).

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO:

APPOINT VICKIE RICHARDSON, TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT NEHENIAH GARLEY, TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT LACY MYRMAN, TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE WEST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

7.1 THE MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-MCGARVEY, TRAN, KLONOWSKI, LEE, ERIKSEN, AND WINSTON; NO-NONE.

At 7:26 p.m. Council Member Morson returned to the chambers.

PLANNING COMMISSION.

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO:

REAPPOINT LIAM CAVIN TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT ABDOKOROSSO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTING CENTRAL DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT ARAH CHUKWUNDEDA TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE WEST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

7.1 THE VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS FOLLOWS: YES-TRAN, KLONOWSKI, LEE, ERIKSEN, MORSON, MCGARVEY AND WINSTON; NO-NONE.

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION (RPAC).

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO:

APPOINT JOSHUA ULOTH TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY

COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

APPOINT DOUG CRANDALL TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

REAPPOINT MIRIAM OSAMMOR TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE EAST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

REAPPOINT MERCY MATTHEWS TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE WEST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2027.

REAPPOINT ARIA REICKARD TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION AS A YOUTH LIAISON REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2024 FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2025.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

7.1 THE VOTE ON THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AS FOLLOWS: YES- KLONOWSKI, LEE, ERIKSEN, MORSON, MCGARVEY, TRAN AND WINSTON; NO-NONE.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

8.1 (10.1) Land Usage – Code Update

Paul Mogush, Planning Director, briefed the council on the scope, timeline, and next steps for the land usage code update.

Council Member Morson asked if the language as it stood currently, the planning commission was enhancing it or in disagreement with the language, where were they at with the existing language and idea of the planning commission.

Planning Director Mogush stated they had done one work session discussions with the Planning Commission last month and focusing on the February 28 group. He stated it was not much the planning commission disagreed with staff with or disagreed amongst themselves but was more on clarifications. He stated what would likely change to some degree when they got to the Standards Section, the Land Use Performance standards and development standards, which were things like, architectural standards and setbacks and would be more discussions there. He stated most people on the council and planning commission didn't spend days in the zoning because it was a complex and long ordinance. He stated a lot of the discussion was around what was already in there and that generated conversations about things that ought to be changed in the future that were not part of that scope. He stated that was one of the outcomes on the process and would be a list that staff generated of potential issues to tackle in the future. He stated when it was over he would be looking to the planning commission and council for guidance on what to prioritize for future changes.

Council Member Morson asked if the zoning had any connection with the Charter Commission and acceptance of what the planning commission identifies as a need to change and incorporated in the Charter.

Planning Director Mogush stated any Charter changes had not been part of the discussion and most land use items dealt with are in the zoning code and not in the Charter.

Council Member Morson stated Planning Director Mogush mentioned the city had to adopt language from surrounding cities and the airport zoning, the city had to accept that.

Planning Director Mogush stated on the airport zoning, it was a process led by the Metropolitan Airports Commission that began in the fall of 2021 and concluded this past fall. He stated they put together a Joint Airport Zoning Board made up of representatives from all of the communities surrounding the Crystal airport as well as the Metropolitan Airports Commission and other agencies. He stated he served on that board along with Council Member Tran. He stated that board was responsible for conducting a process to put together that ordinance which applied to all communities surrounding the airport. He stated that under state statute all those communities had to adopt that ordinance and was a very long technical ordinance that did not have a practical effect on the city's properties.

8.2 (10.2) Northwest Area Planning Scope.

Paul Mogush, Planning Director, briefed the council on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for consulting services to conduct a small area planning process for the northwest corner of the city.

At 8pm City Attorney Tolar departed.

Mayor Winston stated he was comfortable with him outlining the goals deliberated a lot on the council and didn't need to continue to revisit it when they had a \$3.5 billion gap between the city and Bloomington. He stated when it came to engagement, Option 3, land use, urban design plan, transportation plan and open space plan especially the land use and urban design plan did think that council had to be involved in that and had to get in front of the community. He stated it needed to be more collaborative but part of his concern was as they closed the \$3.5 billion gap, he didn't want to run into NIMBY and the community didn't sit through all the meetings. He thought the council had to be there to explain the reasoning for the goals and let them know why they advocated for some of the positions that they were advocating for, otherwise people would come in a vacuum and not know where the council was coming from.

He stated as far as the committee he was putting forward, suggested there should be one person from the council and the mayor. He stated it was one of the priorities they all agreed as the council. He stated his input moving forward on this was he thought they got the goals down. It was the next steps and needed to be at the table as a council helping people understand why they were moving in a particular direction and what they were up against as a city and looking to create the overall vision and understand where the council was coming from.

Council Member Lee asked if the plan would include the bike/pedestrian plan.

Planning Director Mogush stated the bike and pedestrian plan would be an important consideration in the transportation plan. He stated there was an existing bike/pedestrian plan for the city but would want to be looking more specifically at the area in conjunction with putting

together the framework for the street network as the choices they made about land uses they were serving those land uses appropriately with multi-modal transportation.

Council Member Lee stated on the Engagement options, he liked Option 3. To the mayors point, the council had a lot of goals and could be set ahead of time. He thought land use, transportation, especially bike/ped and open space could be what they put out for engagement. He stated that in the next steps, it might be a little bit ambitious in terms of the nine month plan and asked if there were deadlines or time constraints that they had to meet or what happened if they had to push it beyond what Mr. Mogush was thinking.

Director Mogush stated the time constraint was motivation to try to move things along and get development started to increase the taxbase. He stated there was nothing from a legal standpoint.

Council Member Klonowski stated she was comfortable with Engagement Option 3 and requested to be that other council member because of her work on the legislative advocacy around the biotech and understanding the work in the development field. She also liked the approximate timeline of 7 months with the goal of increasing taxbase. She stated Development itself took its time with getting the land prepared in that time frame was very helpful. She thanked the team on the code updates as it took a special person to do that and she was not one of them.

Council Member Eriksen stated he seconded Council Member Klonowski being on the team. He also supported Option 3 and thought it was an efficient use of time and Mr. Mogush had time to respond back to the council on their expectations.

Director Mogush stated he had one question and looking for feedback. He would take the list and translate it into a detailed Request for proposals. The selection itself of the consultant and entering into a contract with the consultant was an item that would go before the council. He stated an optional item would be for the council to review and vote on the RFP document itself before it went out and wanted to give the council that option if that was something they were looking for.

Council Member Winston stated he didn't think they needed to slow that down on working backward from the goals the council had said. He stated the person that had the skill set to help implement it, thought if they kept that in mind throughout the whole process. He stated that he also understood the council's requirements which was outside the scope, women owned businesses and just reflecting the diversity within the city in terms of a subcontractor and making those opportunities available. He stated if that was all kept in mind, thought the council would be supportive of it.

Council Member Eriksen agree with staff doing the request for proposal. He reminded the council members that multiple times in the last year, they second guessed the RFP process after the fact. He stated if they were going to let staff do it, he just wanted to make the council members were in agreement of letting staff do it.

Council Member Lee stated he was okay with staff doing RFP and the council not looking it over. He stated it looked straight forward in terms of it was not a granting program but more of a consultation for the development work. He agreed with the mayor in terms of making sure the council was checking boxes and taking intentional action for equitable procurement and requests and communications to be able to get a solid range of applicants.

Mayor Winston stated there seemed to be a consensus by the council and good to see it moving forward and any questions the council was available.

8.3 (10.3) BLRT Update.

Kim Berggren, Director of Community Development and Paul Mogush, Planning Director gave an update on the METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) Extension project.

She stated that because the project had now selected a new route running on Plymouth Avenue, two stops at Lyndale and James Avenue, in Minneapolis and that route had now been selected Metro BLRT was moving forward with a process that would require a municipal consent for the different cities and happened once before several years ago. He stated they would be coming back to the council for the municipal consent. She stated it was important the council was up to speed on the project and could ask questions and have their concerns addressed before they get to that point this summer. She stated the timeline had construction starting as early as 2026.

She briefed on the following: Five Stations, 63rd Avenue Station, Brooklyn Boulevard station, 85th Avenue station, 93rd Ave station, Oak Grove Station, 2024 Design Considerations, Few changes to plan, West Broadway Streetscape, Arts Plaza, Image, TOD Zoning, infill Development Opportunities, Oak Grove Station – Park and Ride facility Adjacent Development Site Plan, Preliminary Scale and Massing Oak Grove Station and Grand Boulevard, Oak Grove: future Roadway Network, Operations and Maintenance Facility, City Signature event area Park, Design of rooms for activity and space for amplified sound, Private Fencing, City's proposed residential fencing strategy (2018), Anti-Displacement Work Group, Beyond the Rails Projects Possible Sources and Uses and Next Steps.

Council Member Morson stated he didn't see the conversation on transportation from east/west/central or buses to that location.

Director Berggren stated they continue to tell metro transit that the community wanted better east west connections. She stated that has been a constant feedback they were giving to the metro transit and they continued saying they were having trouble expanding their services because of limited resources. She stated what they had said was when the project became more certain and timing was more aligned, they would start to revisit all bus networks. When the train opened, the bus network was feeding into the train in a way it didn't today. She stated they did anticipate those conversations and just hadn't gotten to that level of a detail around adjustments to the transit network. She stated they had been asking for a better connection between the Starlight station down to the Brooklyn Center transit hub and connect that to the rapid bus transit for faster service.

Council Member Morson stated that with the conversations with metro transit, they would explore on reinvigorating transportation routes once the project was ready to go.

Director Berggren stated what they shared was, when they knew service would start on the LRT stations a year before that they would make plans for adjusting bus routes to better feed the LRT station and would be a study process they would undertake.

Council Member Morson state that with people were trying to get east/west/central and back and forth asked if the transit would be in the in 2030 and when were the plans for breaking ground.

Director Berggren stated that the graphic showed it anticipates opening 2030. She stated they had final design in 2024/2025 with construction in 2026 or 2027. She stated there were a series of steps and they were in the environmental phase. She stated that assuming everything could proceed as planned, then they would make it to the opening date in 2023. She stated there was always opportunities for thing to get hung up in the environmental phase. She stated in the Brooklyn Park area, they already had most of the project designed and should not be design challenges in the city but might be some challenges in some of the new areas where the routes have been adjusted.

Council Member Morson asked if there were any barriers or challenges placed on the residents and if they were committed to any further advancement to the project financially or seeking community input. He stated there were 52 homes being taken out of those homeowners and asked the alternatives were for those 52 homes.

Director Berggren stated the 52 was the number of fences impacted. She stated there was a time when the project was talking of more impacts to properties but they narrowed the corridor down a lot. She stated that because of the construction zones could creep into the fence area many of the fences will be impacted.

Council Member Morson asked if there were residents impacted, what was the city doing for those residents that were impacted.

Director Berggren stated several years ago the county did acquire one of the buildings at Maplebrook Townhomes that was impacted by a traffic light. She stated the county did acquire that and paid fair price for the site and relocation. She stated that impact already happened a while back and were a few properties along the corridor that were tight and the county and project office will be negotiating with the homeowners about the impact. She stated she couldn't tell what would happen throughout the negotiations and could be a case where the property owner refused to sell and there were few number of properties.

Mayor Winston stated it has been known that there had been a fair amount of number of meetings that were publicly made available. He stated there was anti-displacement work being done to speak to that point and reported out on a regular basis. He stated there were resources being put together to address that and anyone interested and figuring out what the affects might be and resources available to mitigate that, were welcomed to go many of those meetings and had been reporting out on it for some time.

Council Member Morson asked if the hours of operations had been established. He asked if it would run 24 hours a day.

Director Berggren stated it had been awhile since she had seen the operational plan and guessing they would put out a new one and it might or might not be what it was once before. She stated they did hope to have service every 10 to 15 minutes and slowing down overnight and not as frequent overnight. She stated the 24 hours a day had been the plan all along and hadn't heard that the plan changed. She stated they would get the information again as the plans got solidified.

Council Member Lee asked if it was too early to say the big parking ramp needed to have more color. He stated it had a lot of blank silver space, silver was cool but liked the metal stretches. He stated if they could get something similar to the target center that had wind installments

which would be cool. He thought there was a lot more opportunities there for more pop and didn't know what the colors of the buildings were going to be around there because silver didn't look good.

Director Berggren stated at the time they did the planning work they went through several iterations including talking a lot about the color and design of a park and ride. She stated if the council was interested in that topic, they could ask their architects to come and present on the architecture and show some of the colors and iterations they explored before they landed on that one. She stated that might be a starting point for the conversation because there was a lot of review that went into that particular design.

Council Member Lee stated it was a good slate but if they were saying the first iteration and there was more to come did appreciate the different textures to try to keep it from looking like the concrete ramp.

Director Berggren stated they talked a lot of the selection of that particular material, a rippling material and caught the sunlight. She stated some of it was opaque and some not as well as what they were doing on the ground floor which was more transparency for safety at ground level. She stated they put a lot into the selection of the material so I will want to give them a chance to share it because it was hard to see on the screen;

Council Member McGarvey asked about the Oak Grove Parkway station and of the line. He asked about the parking ramp if those residential units proposal showed were near the parking.

Director Berggren presented the Oak Grove Station picture and said the parking structure was the big box in the middle and showed the concept that would include two bigger buildings on the ends and a smaller building between the ramp and train stations.

Council Member McGarvey asked if it was only speculation at this point and didn't know if they would be residential. He asked if they were planning to make it a paid parking structure to keep people who were living in the residential areas, visitors, etc. He stated the city currently had an issue with less than courteous parking ideas already in the city and wondered if that would be another problem there where everyone's friends were parking at the ramp and commuters could not.

Director Berggren stated she recalled it was free parking for transit users and would be some systems in place to monitor people leaving cars there for too long. She stated the responsibility would be on metro transit. She stated what they designed, people that lived in the housing had the option to go down into the secured parking area. She stated even if they build underground parking in the housing units, there still was not enough parking for the housing and there was extra parking for the housing and would be a cooperative agreement.

She stated it took a lot of pushing for the metro transit to entertain that idea but was critical for the development. She stated that was currently being planned, the housing residents would have access to some parking tied to their unit and would be limited amount for guest housing users. She stated there was overflow parking lot planned as an interim strategy if there was not enough parking over time, then they would have to manage that parking need over time with some of the land in that area. She stated they talked extensively of parking demands Metro Transit had scaled the park and ride for a lot of demand and did not anticipate it would be full immediately. She stated it was scaled to meet parking into the future and unlikely there would be an issue with not enough parking.

Council Member McGarvey asked about the operations and maintenance building. He asked if it was owned by the city or EDA, how was it going to be transferred to Metro Transit, did they take it over, did they build the building and does the city lease the land to them.

Director Berggren stated it would be a big land swap in the area because the city owned a parcel in that area. She stated Target owned part of it along with the rest of the land and there would be a land exchange and had some of that initiated in terms of working through the details. She stated Metro Transit would be buying the land from the city and Target in order to put in that facility. She stated the city would also be looking at acquiring some land from Target to make up the balance of the park geography.

Council member Klonowski asked why would the city would have the residents maintain the fence and asked if it would be costly for the city.

Director Berggren stated it was costly and the other agencies would not take it on or consider taking on the maintenance of the private fencing. She stated when they looked at the costs to maintain the fence and currently they were privately owned fences and privately maintained. She stated it was not a change for the residents in the sense they would be getting a brand new fence and asked to continue to maintain the fence.

Council Member Klonowski asked if the city would be budgeting for long term maintenance for the fences if, for example a big hole gets put in a fence and the owner did not choose to or have the financial means to replace it.

Director Berggren stated they did explore some options and laid out some options for the council to consider and never got through that decision making. She stated they could bring those options back, for example, the city could keep panels at the operations and maintenance facility and residents could buy panels from the city so they didn't have to figure out how to buy the materials. She stated all those fences were privately maintained and if someone got a hole in the fence, the city issued correction orders and are asked to fix the hole in their fence and that framework would not change.

Council Member Klonowski stated she knew they were working to arrange a bus tour with Commissioner Lunde's office of the sites the council could go see them all while looking at the future plans and have discussions.

Director Berggren stated they were debating between the end April or early May in terms of finding a date to do the tour. She stated the tour would be the whole corridor including into Minneapolis.

Council Member Klonowski asked to that tour on her radar and with a lead time to make sure the council members could attend the tour.

Mayor Winston stated it was not just Commissioner Lunde's office but other commissioners had expressed interest in going on the tour and see how they could assist the city. He stated it was a good opportunity to bring resources to the city.

Council Member Morson stated the ridership statistics currently for the metro transit line had been decreasing and asked about the ridership.

Director Berggren stated they primarily were using a different model for projecting ridership that resulted in fewer rides and those models always under predicted ridership in Minnesota by 20 to 30 percent. She stated there was a lot of thought that the current projections for ridership were under predicting ridership given the performance on the blue line and green line that already existed. She stated she had a slide deck that was going to be shown to the CMC next week and gave more details on those two different models they used to predict ridership and how it affected the numbers and was something she could share.

Council Member Morson asked how the safety and security for the residents and ridership impacted the police department in attending to any issue that might occur on the blue line. He asked if there was joint project with the police department and metro transit and how that security piece worked for the residents and riders.

Director Berggren stated the project office and metro transit shared in the past, they had their own police service in metro transit and coordinated with the local police departments. She stated that in terms of response to incidents on the train or at a station area, knew there was a public safety committee that convened and had not been meeting that much because the focus had been on the route selection. She stated as they started advancing that work again, those conversations would ramp up with public safety concerns the community might have and coordination with agencies.

Council Member Morson stated it was important to have those conversations ongoing as well as the east/west/central transportation conversations.

Mayor Winston stated he had been attending those meetings on a regular basis and the east/west transportation had been brought up. He stated understanding with the conversations the establishment of the light rail would help with the justification to increase the east/west transportation. He stated there was a formula they used and as they used the light rail, some of the ridership of public transportation went up was a greater need for people to connect. He stated one of the reasons it was so important, if they were going to use their formula, that would help bring the east to west transportation. He stated the other thing was public safety, and had been brought up as a key concern not only for Brooklyn Park but the other cities surrounding the light rail and wanted to make sure it was safe. He stated the other things people forgot was Brooklyn Park was not a victim here, even though people wanted to put the city in that place. He stated the city had a police department and there were ways for to work with the police department to ensure that the city was doing its part to make sure the city was safe.

He stated he received an email from a resident and was upset about their property taxes had increased asked why it increased. HE stated they had a long discussions, and that the city didn't have the taxbase that similar cities had. He stated all the council voted seven to zero to do what was needed in terms of property taxes to have the basic services they needed as a city. He stated the light rail was a strategic part of beginning to slow down the increase of those property taxes. He stated when they saw how much of the development that would be coming along with the light rail that also fed into other areas of the northwest corridor and other parts of the city they had been discussing for some time. He stated there were somethings they were beginning to propose as a city on how to capture some of that value and use it to incentivize people to come to the city and closing some of that gap. He stated the city had ha \$2 billion commercial property values. The city was number 5 in size, Bloomington was number 4 with \$5.5 billion. He stated when they talked about property taxes there was a \$3.5 billion gap in terms of the value they had in the city.

He stated wherever that gap failed, they were turning to residents to pay that difference and the council had to do their due diligence in terms of public safety and make sure displacement was minimal and make sure people in the city benefitted from it. He stated it was strategic the city had to have to close that gap to slow down property taxes.

He stated no one liked to get the emails and own up to saying for those taxes, reality when looking at budget, looked at American Rescue Plan dollars flowing out or falling off, the council had to make a decision for the basic public safety and other needs of the city. He stated there was some due diligence they needed to do in terms of public safety and anti-displacement. He stated they had the big voice in terms of how the police department worked and as it went further along there were some leverage points, the city would have to say as it moved forward they needed some assurance that public safety was going to be handled, however they determined it needed to be how it was handled.

He stated at some point it was very easy to point out problems with everything but what they had been doing for the past year, they had to turn around and say where they were going to actually close that gap and what it looked like. He stated it was a piece of that in addition to the moratorium and many other thing the had done as a city in terms of this was how close the \$3.5 billion commercial gap and that gap represented 5,000 to 10,000 jobs.

9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Morson said happy Ramadan to the Muslim community. He stated he sent a couple emails to the city manager and was his understanding, when the council asked the city manager questions he was supposed to respond to the council. He stated it had been 3 months since he asked him a question and had not given him a response back. He stated recently within a week or so, he asked questions and to a couple more people and the city manager had not responded to those questions as well.

Mayor Winston stated the council could not call out staff which, was against their code of conduct. He stated it Council Member Morson would like to have a private conversation with the city manager, that would be great. He stated there was a code of conduct the council agreed to. If he had a problem with the mayor and how he did it, have conversation with the Mayor. He stated that as he facilitated the meeting, he was going to ask Council Member Morson to honor the code of conduct and from a power perspective, not pick on staff and not bully staff who were in an ill-suited position to fight back against an elected official.

Council Member Morson stated they were asking the mayor to do the same.

Mayor Winston stated it was duly noted and since he wanted to have the conversation, Council Member Morson had sent a number of emails regarding that as well. He stated he knew it was the campaign season and what to grandstand. He stated if a resident asked him a question and pulled him into a conversation, he would reserve the right to respond to that and protect his reputation. He stated what he would never do given his position of influence and power, he would never pick on those, who as a council, had the power to hire an employ. He stated he would never bully people in that situation and if he invited him into a conversation, he asked for it. He stated the city staff was not asking Council Member Morson to call them out in public.

Council Member Morson stated he was asking the city staff to do their job and their job was to respond to his emails and the city manager didn't respond to his emails.

Mayor Winston stated he could ask the city manager offline and had other tools in place. He stated Council Member Morson was elected and held to a certain standards which, meant in his campaign season and vigor, there were seven of them up at the dials, and would need three votes to seriously consider that. He stated that didn't mean to go against the code of conduct to pick on those who did not have the same power he had in that situation. He stated bullying wasn't a word to toss around because it was something popular. He stated it was something council member Morson was consistently doing to the employees. He stated the city manager would probably speak for himself but on this one, he was sure there were a number of council members who would very much prefer that if council member Morson had issues with staff, given the situation he was in, to ask them offline and obey and respect that code of conduct even though it was an election year.

Council Member Morson stated the mayor should make sure he adhered to the same principles he was talking about because he violated each one of those codes the last several meetings.

Mayor Winston stated in this situation, there was room for interpretation in what he had done. He thought Council Member Morson suffered from the same thing, Mr. Dotson did in that there was a comprehension issue in terms of what those rules meant. He stated he would be happy to have conversations at the retreat about those. He stated Council Member Morson was invited to a number of retreats and he refused to go to those retreats. He stated Council Member Morson was not interested in going to those retreats so they could come to an understanding of what it exactly looked like. no one is demeriting his character and no one was inviting him into a conversation. He stated staff never invited him to do what he was doing. He stated if he had a resident come up and invite him to speak to them, he would speak to them. I they didn't invite him to speak to them and didn't go against the rules on personal grievances then he would not have much to say to them. He stated it was a comprehension thing and difficult to hear that because they all wanted to feel they could comprehend something, but sometimes they had to look at the rules and ask attorneys what was going on.

He stated as a city council, they had and they would continue to make a commitment because they had seen that happen too many times, to ensure that if there were grievances or concerns, those were being addressed with Council Member Morson through email or offline. He stated he knew that type of environment, made Council Member uncomfortable to have those conversations, but in a city like Brooklyn Park, those conversation needed to happen and wanted to make it clear.

9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Stroebel stated the steering committee for the BP 2025 refresh would kickoff its meeting on Thursday and looking forward to that work.

He stated during the meeting tonight, he sent out a note to Commissioner Lunder on identifying dates for the bus tour of the BLRT. He stated they were striving for late April early May when there was a legislative break so it can include not only the local elected officials but also some of the state representatives.

Mayor Winston stated he attended the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative and was not finance by the city. He recommended the city get involved in the initiative. He stated everyone knew about the iconic Mississippi river, which was important to the commerce. He stated it was a river under attack. In New Orleans there were areas where the water was running so low that sea water was going in and pushing it further down and constantly under attack in terms of

commerce occurring along the Mississippi. He if that line clogged up, they would lose upwards of \$20 to \$30 billion a year along that corridor. He stated it was also under attack because there were cities willing to spend \$40 to 50 billion to build aqueducts and take the Mississippi water and give it to their cities because they did not have access to the type of fresh water the city did. He stated the Mississippi river and great lakes region, in the next 50 to 60 years make the upper Midwest one of the preeminent regions in terms of agriculture and opportunities for commerce. He stated it was something they were looking for the Mississippi river on how they could create it compact so that people could not touch water and dirty that water. He stated the same way that existed for the Great Lakes region, where state law and federal law existed and needed that along the Mississippi. He stated it was an important initiative the city needed to be involved in and have voice in this conversation.

He stated because he was at the initiative meeting, he missed the CAC meeting and wanted to tell the residents, from what he was hearing, the option they wanted to keep was the rinks and have the basketball courts. He stated the residents should look forward to communications or outreach in term of how they could reach out to the legislators and understand it was not an issue that should be dividing the city and should be bringing the city together. He stated the city was very diverse and that meant the group that was not seeing diversity meant it was also diverse as well. He stated it was an opportunity to come together as a city and let legislators know about it. He stated the city would come out with some guidance around that. He stated that residents, should not divide into camps and had some that wished to divide into camps as they felt it would help them out. He stated that in terms of making an argument, the best argument was what was in the best interest of the youth, how did they grow it for everybody and how did they those resources, the state level elected officials, and other resources to bring what was needed for the city so everyone could have what they needed.

ADJOURNMENT - With consensus of the Council, Mayor Winston adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK