

REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024

6:55 p.m.

(Following the Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting)

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.

PARTICIPATING REMOTELY: Council Member Maria Tran.

Mayor Winston read a statement regarding Meeting by Interactive Technology

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 meeting. Ms. Guyott-Hemple, encouraged a referendum this fall for additional amenities in the community; had questions related to the \$5 million bonding resources the city received for the CAC improvements. Recreation and Parks Director Tullberg, provided a response to Ms. Guyott-Hempel and the council will get those responses; Ms. Huff, had questions around understanding the funding on the original request for the CAC with the same resources from the state. Rec and Parks Director Tullberg provided a response to Ms. Huff. She also asked about the protocol on council getting back to residents related to emails and phones. Mr. Dotson also provided some comments.

2B PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tracy Winters, 4404 83rd Circle N. Concerns on restrictions on rental properties. She recently purchased an additional property in the hopes of renting that property to offset her new mortgage. Stated with the current rental restrictions she was unable to rent out that property causing financial strains, forcing to pay two mortgages and utilities on the property and limited her to provide housing for a family with the hopes of moving in soon in the upcoming month. She asked the council if they could lift the restrictions on that home.
2. Collette Guyott-Hempel, 9277 Trinity Gardens. Was at the work session and now hearing about chickens again. She stated it would cost \$125,000 per staff person. It would cost for animal control that not supposed to be police the last time the issue was wrapped up. She stated it had been on all national news regarding the bird flu in mammal; and milk supply across the country. She stated 600,000 chickens were destroyed last week in Texas bringing up egg prices up. There were cows bringing it into the humans and are getting it too. She stated chickens were known for bringing up 4

different diseases including salmonella, e coli, a fungus that could be fatal to people with asthmas and other allergens and that was brought up through the air. She asked how the city could afford to have a \$200,000 budget cost that was not planned for this year for backyard chickens when there were gunshots within a block and half from car to car from a group home and from her house. She stated there were park resources belong shot up an destroyed and damaged severely with the risks of residents in the neighboring area and gun shots in their homes. She stated there was a bullet in a house a block from her house from those gunshots last weekend. She stated it wasn't the cops fault as they were trying their best and thanked them for getting the guns off the street. She stated if there was \$200,000, she would rather have signs posted in the parks saying marijuana was not acceptable usage like the alcohol and other drugs in the parks where kids went. She stated the city didn't have a swimming pool and gyms. She stated she was grateful for the bonding item and wished there was a referendum and sales tax she had been asking since January to bring up the issue with questions. She stated it was necessary to get those resources and amenities and mentors for the community. She stated the residents know they would pay additional taxes.

Mayor Winston read a statement regarding Mr. Dotson and his public comments.

3. Howard Dotson, Minneapolis. Stated the residents of Brooklyn Park might be informed of a recall campaign that has begun because he had tried for months to get his answers to his multiple questions. He stated the reasons he repeated himself was because he didn't get the answers and had times where people offline gave him the answers because he didn't get it from the people he asked directly. He stated he had been asked for evidence of his allegations.

Mayor Winston stated he was referring to items he was told not to refer to and would give him one more opportunity or would cut him off if he went down that path again.

Mr. Dotson stated he sent correspondence asking for a censure. He held up a sign to recall the mayor.

3A. MOTION WINSTON, SECOND ERIKSEN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY CLERK MOVING ITEM 8.1 AHEAD OF ITEM 5.1.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

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

3B PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECEIPT OF GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

3B.1 Introduction of New Employees

Recreation and Parks – Director Brad Tullberg introduced Amanda Beischas a new employee to the Recreation and Parks Department.

Community Development – Director Kim Berggren introduced Michelle Basham as a new employee to the Community Development Department.

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

4.1 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-53 APPROVING POLLING PLACE CHANGES FOR PRECINCTS CENTRAL-4, EAST-1, AND WEST-4 IN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK FOR THE AUGUST 13 AND NOVEMBER 5, 2024 ELECTIONS.

4.2 TO FULLY RELEASE THE BRIDGEWATER BANK IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 634 DATED: MAY 6, 2021 (\$641,700.00) FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE "PARK PLACE PROMENADE" PROJECT #21-105.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-54 TO ACCEPT A MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT AND AMEND THE 2024 GRANT AND FORFEITURE FUND BUDGETS.

4.4 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-55 ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,180,149.19 TO PARK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA FOR ZANE AVE TRAIL, CIP2006.

4.5 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-56 ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,090,190.41 TO PARK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA FOR 63RD AVE TRAIL AND MUNICIPAL STATE AID (MSA) MILL AND OVERLAY, CIP 4044.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Consideration of Changes to Public Comment at City Council Meetings.

City Manager Stroebel briefed the council on possible changes to the public comment portion of the council meetings.

Discussion was held by the council:

Council Member Lee stated he was on board with residency qualification or business ownership qualification, those individuals had a vested interest in the city. He would not open up to everyone or anyone from outside who wanted to come in. On the public comment period, didn't have to provide a public comment for items not on the agenda. He understood that it was good to hear from residents on what might be on their minds but for efficiency and effectiveness, they could do that anytime with a phone call or email and many did. He stated for the sake of time management, effectiveness or efficiency, leaned toward making it part of the agenda and focused on the agenda. He stated it could be residents came and talked about what was on the agenda that night or previous agenda and was agenda focused, otherwise they could call or send an email. He stated at the public comment tonight, on the rental restriction issue, the resident didn't have to come tonight for public comment to get staffs attention. He suggested

resident or business owner of the city and focused on the agenda items, whether that night or on previous agenda items.

Council Member Tran stated she saw this as denying people the right to speak and classify people like business owners was not very good to the public. She stated the council would be violating the constitution. She stated she talked to the city attorney about this and he said that law was to protect the people except in the case when they got violent, yelled or use swear words or threaten. She stated the advice she got from the city attorney, if the council member felt uncomfortable or was abused there was no law to protect the council members. She stated the law was to protect the people and could sue that person in the individual courts but couldn't bar people from speaking at public comment.

Attorney Tolar stated what Council Member Tran was talking about was the first amendment right for free speech, however, the government did have the authority to limit the public forum. She stated the actions they were discussing passed the constitution muster and what they were discussing was not unconstitutional.

Council Member Morson stated he wanted to add to the first amendment, the freedom of speech, was the Article 19 of the Human Rights Declaration. He stated it read, "everyone has a right for freedom of opinion and expression and that right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference to seek partial information and ideas through any media regardless of frontier". He stated that Declaration said that everyone had a right to their opinion, expressed freely, regardless of if anyone didn't like it or not, they still had that right.

He stated what the attorney said about the first amendment and its content, he supported it because it still provided people with that freedom. He stated those are the reasons why he served the country and put on the council, to allow people an opportunity to express themselves whether or not people liked it or not.

He stated eliminating the public comment was a disservice to the public and it limited the residents or anyone to share good news or news they felt was important for the city or news people did not want to hear. He thought when the council tried to delve into somethings of that magnitude, diminished who they were and the values of the people by limiting them to not be able to speak their opinions and minds. He stated he was not in support of eliminating any right to public comment. He asked how long public comment had been on the agenda. Also, if there was some context the reason why they put in public comment back then.

City Manager Stroebel stated he would research the agendas to find out how long public comment had been on the agenda.

Mayor Winston stated he didn't think the inclination was to get rid of the public comment. He stated if they continued with the public comment, see what other cities had with public comment, and what it looked like for the city. He stated he would tend to go with the Constitution before any other document. He stated it was not to get rid of public comment but what it would look like and how it honored the residents and people who did business in the city.

Council Member Klonowski asked the city attorney if they were able to bar a particular person who continually disobeyed the rules from public comment because their behavior continually abused the rules. She asked if they addressed it in a broader group to deal with the issue if they chose to make it about the residents and business owners.

Attorney Tolar stated what she heard was if the limitation had to be broader than one singular person and stated that was correct.

Council Member McGarvey asked if they moved the public comment section to a different time, such as prior to the meeting, would those comments be recorded into the record and responded to later as done now. He asked if residents needed to make public comment such as Ms. Fericho tonight on an agenda item if it would change or adjust the public comment where it was in the meeting.

City Manager Stroebel stated Bloomington's public comment period was held prior to the formal council meeting, and gave an example, using Room A203 or another conference room where some members of the council and staff would be present and be part of the record. He stated it would be included in the meeting minutes just like the current public comment period and staff would get back to them if they needed additional response and would be part of the public record.

He stated if the council's intent was to retain speaking on an agenda item, it could be specified on the potential changes the council might want to make. He stated it had been a historical practice, that any comments specific to an agenda item was taken during that agenda item. He stated earlier the mayor said if Ms. Fericho wanted to speak earlier because of her schedule, different mayors accommodated that in different ways.

Mayor Winston stated he liked that approach but concerned with several people trying to game the system, example, on agenda items 7.1 or 8.1, they might try to speak during that. He stated there needed to be some ability to facilitate that and shut that down, when they said, they wanted to speak on a particular issue but really had a personal issue and tried to use it that way. He didn't think they should remove public comment. He stated there had been comments that had been helpful from residents speaking on a particular issue. He stated there needed to be some type of compromise and flexibilities, so the city was generally hearing as much as possible from residents or business owners. He stated there also needed to be some flexibility from interested parties who wanted to come and speak on a specific issue. He stated many times the city got pulled in or used for other agendas, political or other, for those who didn't have anything to do with the city. He stated that was one of the main concerns the council had been talking about and just wanted to do the business of the city.

8.1 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO RESTRICT PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION 3B1 TO RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS, EMPLOYEES, OR BOARD MEMBERS OF BROOKLYN PARK BUSINESSES OR ORGANIZATIONS OR IMMEDIATE APPLICANTS FOR BUSINESS PERMITS IN THE CITY BROOKLYN PARK.

Council Member Lee asked about the volunteers. He stated they were not employees or board members of businesses or organizations.

Mayor Winston stated the volunteers who did the work in the city spoke on specific issue such as Ms. Fericho. He stated there would be volunteers who were involved and follow the agenda and ask to speak to a specific item on the agenda and not game the system. He stated he wanted to make sure the council was not cutting people off in terms of speaking to specific issues. He thought that approach gave latitude for that. They could complete a form and during the public comment, they had to fit those buckets and if they wanted to speak to specific agenda item, would fill out a form and let them speak to the issue. He stated it would allow for that level of flexibility.

Council Member Eriksen clarified that he specifically named Section 3B1 in the motion because that would not preclude anyone from speaking to any other agenda item. He stated the reason for the additions of staff, etc., gave an example, having a church congregation in the city and the pastor lived in Anoka and they were speaking on an issue. He stated the council would want to invite them to be part of it, they were not an owner but invested stakeholders in the community. He stated he wanted to try and make it inclusive of different kinds of stake holders.

Attorney Tolar stated pastors were not necessarily board members of an organization and was making sure the council paid attention to what they were trying to do and who that should include. She stated if the council wanted Kennedy and Graven to advise them legally about it to let them know.

Council Member Klonowski stated they needed to be clear, asking people to sign a blue sheet and check a box, and fill one of the requirements. She stated there would be some level of discretion with person chairing the meeting and could tell if they were local and lived in the city to make the discretionary decision related to a topic. She liked that approach rather than trying to include everyone because that could get away far from what they were trying to accomplish.

Council Member Eriksen asked if the suggestion was to make the language less limiting, something like an active stakeholder in the Brooklyn Park community which seemed less tangible.

Attorney Tolar stated she should take it back and help the council think through it on it how it worked and a few steps deeper. She thought limiting it caused problems and broadening it also caused problems and why the first amendment was so nuance. She stated what was suggested was a good start and something she could take back, discuss it and research it further. She stated it would take longer to figure out when they started to cross legal boundaries.

Mayor Winston asked if there was a concern with moving forward with the motion and working with legal to come up with something clearer. He asked if they should hold off on the motion in front of the council.

Attorney Tolar stated they could go ahead and move what the council wanted to move but was suggesting legal would wordsmith some things.

Council Member Eriksen stated he was confused on how legal would handle that procedurally if they made a motion and pass it. He stated they couldn't go back and change language after that. He asked if they could appoint a subcommittee to draft language and bring back to the council in two weeks in cooperation with the city attorney.

Mayor Winston stated they could move in that direction.

Council Member Lee suggested taking more time to think of the exact wording and agreed it was a great start. He recommended an amendment to that to set a work session and bring back a motion in a couple of weeks.

Council Member Klonowski stated she supported the language by Council Member Eriksen and was not in support of Council Member Lee's suggestion related to the volunteers. She asked if the attorney could present some language and consequences for the council to think about before they went down that road to help the council facilitate a better conversation.

Mayor Winston asked Council Member Eriksen if he would like to withdraw the motion or continue forward with the motion.

8.1 MOTION ERIKSEN, TO WITHDRAW THE MOTION AND BRING IT BACK TO THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SO THE CITY ATTORNEY HAS TIME TO OFFER COUNCIL SOME LANGUAGE.

Mayor Winston stated Council Member Klonowski also had rescinded her second to the motion.

City Manager Stroebel stated most of the discussion was focused on who could participate and wanted clarification if there was any additional feedback on the timing and council's preference to keep it in the current placement on the agenda or proposed changes to that.

Mayor stated it made sense for it to be at its current place on the agenda. He stated what he heard from the council members was at the next regular meeting to have language to consider along the lines Council Member Eriksen said and input from other council members. He stated he did not want to move it to the end or before the beginning of the meeting. He thought if they limited it to residents, businesses, and stakeholders, they were not going to have to worry about the agenda and a lot of other issues.

Council Member Lee stated at the beginning of the meeting was good wanted people to come and say what they had to say, leave if they needed to and not stay for the agenda item. He stated the other thing to answer was, who, when and what. He stated he was for limiting public comment to agenda items and all other topics could be addressed through other forms of communications. If that was not the consensus of the council so, be it.

City Manager Stroebel stated he noticed that Council Member Tran might need to be departing at her current location and she had one item specific to her on the agenda. He stated if they were close to wrapping the discussion suggested they move to that agenda item while she was still present.

Council Member Eriksen stated they should keep public comment at the beginning of the meeting and should be official and on the record. He stated he was not in favor of limiting the content given that Ms. Winters came tonight to address something that was not on the agenda; but hoping someone on staff could help her with. He stated she had now learned how to do that and did not want to limit a person's ability to use the forum for that purpose.

At 7:49 p.m. Mayor Winston stated he was departing as he was not feeling well. He stated Mayor Pro Tem Lee would take over the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee convened the meeting.

City Manager Stroebel briefed the council on moving to Item 7.2 regarding Council Member Tran's request to attend a conference and would have to amend the agenda since the agenda was approved earlier.

3A. MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND MORSON TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE TO ITEM 7.2.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee called for a roll call vote.

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

7.2 Request by Council Member Tran to Travel to and Attend the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference from November 12-17, 2024.

Jay Stroebel, City Manager, briefed the council on the request by Council Member Tran to travel to and attend the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference from November 12-17, 2024.

Council Member Tran stated by attending those kind of conference trainings, found out about a lot of benefits and opportunities for the city, how to get more funding from the government and was entrusted in serving the city and residents.

Council Member Klonowski asked if that additional travel was beyond what was specified in the travel policy.

City Manager Stroebel stated the travel policy called for the mayor or Mayor Pro Tem and three council members alternating had the opportunity to travel out of state domestically one time annually pending council approval. He stated the request being made would be an additional travel request. He stated the travel policy also said if necessary and if approved by council, additional out of state travel could be approved for the mayor and Mayor Pro Tem or council members using unused travel budget resources or other funding resources. He stated that was the provision Council Member Tran was making the request. He stated it was early April and uncertain if additional council resources for travel would be used or not for the remainder of the year.

Council Member Klonowski clarified it was outside of the travel policy and had to ask for a special request to travel more than twice in one year. She stated they recently discussed alternating it and gave an example, it shouldn't be her and Council Member Lee going every year to a conference, should be shared and didn't think Council Members McGarvey and Eriksen traveled out of state to a conference.

City Manager Stroebel stated this year was where Council Member Tran could travel, which had taken place. He stated Council Members McGarvey and Eriksen and other council members traveled last year. He stated that was the alternating language and the travel policy said some council members might choose not to travel and were dollars remaining within the travel budget and the travel policy allowed for the council to approve the mayor or council member to travel if resources allowed it.

Council Member Klonowski stated with the registration deadline being November 11, suggested in the spirit of fairness to everyone, as the request was asking to use extra money and was only April, to postpone or table it until later in year to see what was left before spending any reserve so early in the year. She suggested waiting until it was closer to November and if there was reserve money to take it up at that point. She stated it was also in the spirit of fairness to the other council members who have not traveled this year to take that course of action.

Council Member Tran agreed with Council Member Klonowski regarding the registration timeline. She stated registering early would save \$400 and if registering closer to November it would cost more.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee stated he was leaning toward wanting to figure out when the deadline date was and hold off until the next council meeting before making a decision to see if there was interest from the other council members.

7.2 MOTION KLONOWSKI, SECOND ERIKSEN TO TABLE THE COUNCIL MEMBER TRAN TRAVEL REQUEST TO AND FROM THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE IN TAMPA FL, FROM NOVEMBER 12 THROUGH 17, 2024 UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WHEN WE CAN HAVE THE DETAILS ON EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS.

Council Member Eriksen stated at the last meeting when it was discussed on council travel, they discussed about any travel having a strategic benefit to the city. He stated when the mayor and city manager went to Japan they presented during a work session on what they learned there, what they gained from the travel and what city needed to do going forward. He stated he would encourage the council to try do that whenever the council members traveled, to take 10 to 15 minutes during a work session and share what they learned so it would help them make better decisions on how they spent the travel money. He stated if they were going to spend the money, they should make sure the city was getting something from it.

City Manager Stroebel stated the early bird registration deadline was June 15 and could potentially bring it back to the council at first meeting in June.

Council Member Morson stated he supported Council Member Klonowski's suggestion, however in the motion, it did not allow for the extra money in June for people to travel by end of the month. He stated if they were looking at how much was left over for people to travel and basing it on the budget they had or was it using extra money. He stated he supported Council Member Tran's travel.

7.2 MOTION KLONOWSKI, SECOND ERIKSEN TO AMEND THE MOTION TABLING THE ITEM UNTIL OCTOBER SO WE CAN ASSESS WHAT BUDGET IS LEFT IN CONSIDERATION WHAT WAS DISCUSSED TONIGHT.

At 8:05p.m., Council Member Eriksen called a point of order. He stated it appeared Council Member Tran was no longer in her publicly posted location and was excluded from voting.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee reminded Council Member Tran that since she was no longer at the public location, she was not able to participate in their vote. He stated she could continue to observe the meeting tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee stated he would like to save \$400 and thought they could table it to June and give Council Member Eriksen time to think and find a conference if he would like to make that commitment at some point in the rest of the year. He stated they could find out what his budget was and then look at Council Member Tran's request. He stated he had no interest in using the reserve this year and a good time to bring that up if the council members might be interested. He stated they talked about having a travel budget and saw the total cost of the travel between \$3,365 to \$3,485. He asked how much take from the overall travel budget reserve.

City Manager Stroebel stated the travel budget for the council was a little over \$20,000. He stated there had been some costs already expended toward that, an estimated \$9,000 this year. He stated that the recent retreat costs were included in that and needed to get clarification

whether the retreat costs should be counted against that. He stated the council had \$11,000 left in that budget.

He clarified on the conference registrations rates. He stated there was a window from March 11 to April 15, \$640 for NLC members and the city was a NLC member; early bird rate, from March 11 to June 15, \$690; advance rate, from June 16 to September 1, \$800; regular rate, from September 2 to November 11, \$920 and to register on site, from November 12 to November 15, \$1,035.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee stated it was \$50 past the first deadline and \$100 after that and was not like it jumped \$400 after one deadline. He stated October might be too late and thought June or maybe the first council meeting in May. He stated it would give ample time to those interested in the reserve money and should also be thinking about their travel plans now. He asked if they could go back to original motion and giving it to the first council meeting in May.

Council Member Eriksen stated he was not going to be looking for opportunities to spend city funds on travel. He stated it was incumbent on any council member who wanted to spend city funds to present a robust strategic good the city gained from their travel. He stated there was no strategic goal listed on the agenda item and incumbent on the council who wanted to travel to present that. He stated they still had not received feedback on the past trip from Council Member Tran and was incumbent on any council member who traveled to present the findings. He suggested any council member who wanted to travel to present a robust strategic good to their council colleagues before they traveled. He stated it was not a job perk they go look for opportunities to travel, it was a policy that allowed council members to add value to the city and to the council as a whole.

Council Member Klonowski stated there was no need to spend the money if it was not for the best benefit of the city. She stated one of the things they had been talking about on the legislative committee was the lack of resources the city had for a lot of the funding needs it currently had. She stated she knew the travel funding was not a lot of money but every dollar spent should be in the best interest of the city.

She called the question to move to the previous motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee stated Council Member Klonowski called the question and asked Council Member Klonowski to repeat the motion.

Council Member Klonowski repeated the motion.

7.2 MOTION KLONOWOSKI, SECOND ERIKSEN TO TABLE COUNCIL MEMBER TRAN'S TRAVEL TO AND ATTEND THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE IN TAMPA FL, FROM NOVEMBER 12 THROUGH 17, 2024 TO THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING WE HAVE IN OCTOBER.

Mayor Pro Tem called for a roll call vote.

7.2 THE MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-ERKSEN, MORSON, MCGARVEY, KLONOWSKI; NO-LEE.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 Consider First Reading of the Ordinance Establishing a Local Housing Trust Fund for the City of Brooklyn Park.

Kim Berggren, Director of Community Development briefed the council on establishing a Local Housing Trust Fund for the City. She stated the public hearing was held on December 4, 2023.

5.1 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT ON FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUND FOR THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. LAND USE ACTIONS-None.

7. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS.

7.1 2024 Bonding Project Support for Community Activity Center Phase 2 Funding, Central Fire Station, and Zanewood Recreation Center.

Brad Tullberg, Recreation and Parks Director, briefed the council on the bonding project support for Community Activity Center Phase 2 funding, Central Fire Station, and Zanewood Recreation Center.

The following individuals addressed the council:

1. Sarah Fericho. Thanked the council for the additional funding for the expansion of the community activity center to include the basketball courts and keep the ice rinks. She stated she supported the amendment. She asked if a needs assessment was done for the courts and sustainable building practices.
2. Collete Guyott-Hempel, 9277 Trinity Gardens. Thanked the Recreation and Parks staff and city manager for their efforts for trying to get additional bonds.

7.1 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-57 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN UPDATED APPLICATION WITH THE MINNESOTA MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET OFFICE FOR 2024 STATE APPROPRIATIONS FUNDED FROM STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Morson stated that a couple of weeks ago he reported he attend game night at Zanewood and failed to mention that Ms. Guyotte-Hemple and her husband were there and participated in a variety of activities and her husband played chess with the youth. He stated he delivered more food to Zanewood, snacks for youth for after school and out of time school donated by his friends at Task Force Inc., who had been providing food for several weeks and he had been dropping off the food. He stated on Saturday he went to Zanewood and it was closed and let in by the janitor, who helped him unload the snacks and brought it into Zanewood to provide the youth with some type of snacks. He stated his other friends were donating \$25 gift certificates every week to families in the community for food. He stated he did this every weekend since last year, went to communities and randomly choosing anyone to give the \$25 gift cards to get food from Cub Foods.

He stated every Thursday he gave away 10 steak dinners from his friends at HyVee and had been going on since last year. He stated it was 40 dinners they gave out every month to people in the community to let them know there were people here who cared about who they were in the community to participate in a steak dinner. He stated if they didn't get a free dinner, they were only \$10 with two sides every Thursday from HyVee. He stated he appreciated the friends who were gifting the blessings for the community that was deserving and in need. He thanked Task Force Inc. for the donations to the youth at Zanewood.

9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Stroebel announced that Brooklyn Youth Alliance was successful in getting a \$1.7 million grant for youth in Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center.

ADJOURNMENT - With consensus of the Council, Mayor Winston adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK