

REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2024
6:14 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, and Nicole Klonowski; City Manager Jay Stroebel; City Attorney Jim Thomson; 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 Members Maria Tran and Tony McGarvey.

Mayor Winston read a statement relating to Council Members Tran and McGarvey attending the meeting remotely.

Mayor Winston opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2A RESPONSE TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENT

2B PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Howard Dotson. Stated he sent the Council an email regarding the January 8 Council and the exchange they had during public comment. He stated in the Council's rules said, "Council Members will not enter into dialogue with residents. Questions from the Council will be for clarification only." He stated that was not his experience on January 8. He asked the mayor and invited the mayor to offer him an apology.

Mayor Winston asked if he was airing a personal grievance.

Mr. Dotson stated he didn't believe so.

Mayor Winston stated that would be classified under personal grievance. He stated since Mr. Dotson invited him and the time before, he was making a personal grievance and casting dispersions. He disagreed with his characterization and there would be no apologies forthcoming. He stated he understood Mr. Dotson did send an email and threatened the city with the lawsuit. He stated Mr. Dotson had two lawsuits he brought against the city and those were 0-2 and believed if Mr. Dotson wanted to be litigious on taxpayer's dime that was a choice Mr. Dotson could make. He stated Mr. Dotson had every right to do that but an apology would not be forthcoming. Mayor Winston asked Mr. Dotson if he had anything else to add that was not a personal grievance, he was welcomed to speak.

Mr. Dotson stated he had had several questions about MN Acts Now and the \$120,000 that was returned to the city. He stated he had been advocating for justice for the former employees who went on WCCO sharing their concerns about wage theft. He stated he had shared his concerns about the quid pro quos, and this last year he had seen quid pro quos with MIB, Restorative Ministries and not that long ago he was at the DFL

African American caucus when he saw another quid pro quo playing out between the Samuels campaign and the chair of the DFL African American caucus.

Mayor Winston stated he muted Mr. Dotson because it was a personal attack.

2. Collette Guyott Hempel, 9277 Trinity Gardens. She stated her concern tonight was that the city commissions did what was need for the city and that took the direction of the Council. She stated she had asked a number of times, regarding asking for a parks and recreation referendum, regarding getting money for courts, teen center, and the possibility of a swimming pool because of the negative impact on minority groups.

She stated she had also spoken at Council meetings when many of the Council was absent regarding the Israel Hamas situation. She stated there were many things in the resolution that were not quite accurate. For one, Israel was wanting to have a two-state system back in 1944 when the Brits returned the land back to Israel, and for the Palestinians and the Jewish people to have that land back. Secondly, there was no report regarding the fact that in late 1960s, the attack by five countries on Israel, yet Israel prevailed, and all of the neighboring countries wanted to eliminate Israel. She stated since that time, they had gone through attacks by the Palestinian Liberation Army, Hamas, Hezbollah, and Houthi. She stated Hamas was the government of the Gaza strip and were considered a terrorist group. She stated the United Nations had 12 if not more, of their employees involved with the attack on children, families, teens, and people just at the music festival. She stated that people that knew who lived in Israel, knew that they had to have a cinder block room to try to stay safe from terrorist attacks that might occur at their individual places.

She believed that the Human Rights Commission could focus on the Osseo School District not providing STEM after school activities to the kids south of 85th Avenue and were not providing for the disabled or senior citizens. She stated they could work on the slum landlord situation where the city had families that were living in one-bedroom apartments, which was overcrowded. She stated the whole area south of 85th Avenue, had clustered apartments and wished they would focus on problems in the city. She stated Deana Doely gave her life last week for the safety and protection of a resident and asked where the work session was and the acknowledgement as a city of that sacrifice she and the family made.

3. Cindy Hill, 9000 Telford Crossing. She congratulated the city for its Black History month celebration, it had last Friday. She stated the residents were 300 strong, in attendance that evening there was no mistake in the support and the love they felt for that important event. She stated it was supposed to go from 5 to 730 p.m. and when she left at 730 p.m. it was still going strong. She stated it was so nice to see the young kids, preteens, teens, adults, and seniors all together under one roof having a good time. She stated all the entertainment was excellent and the highlight of the evening was having the African Contemporary Dance Group, got all the people of all ages including the seniors up dancing.

She stated she had been advocating for a long time for the renovation of community center to be a more multipurpose space. She stated if there ever was a reason why they needed it, all they needed to do was to be in the building that night at the event. She stated she had always said that if city lived up to the first name of the building, which was, "community", they were that, that night for sure with all races and age groups,

having a great time together. She stated the saying, "If you build it, they will come" and did they ever come. She stated that was how they kept the community strong. She stated there were over 40 vendors and were busy, used every open space and needed more chairs and tables. She thanked Recreation and Parks Director Brad Tullberg and Youth Service Coordinator Pam McBride for being so quick to realize they needed those extra accommodations. She thanked the city, the workers of the city for doing an excellent job. She stated it was just the beginning and felt they needed to do more things like that and didn't have to be a holiday to make sure to stay strong as a community.

She stated one of the things she would like to add for next year was bus service for seniors and stated she would be willing to find the money to help provide the buses to pick them up because that part was missing. She stated when you get at a certain age, they didn't want to be driving at a certain time at night and could take that barrier away and would really be whole as a community.

Mayor Winston asked to give a round of applause for the Recreation and Parks team for making that happen, and an applause to the many volunteers, one of which was in the audience, Cindy Hill. He thanked everyone for all of the work done and felt like it doubled from last year. He stated the food was great and well run and was getting better every year and if it continued that pace, they would have some good problems to deal with. He stated it was a wonderful event and the entertainment was great. He stated it was successful last year but learned from a few errors last year and was getting better and better every year, which is what they looked for. He thanked the Recreation and Parks staff and volunteers and thanked the community for showing up.

3A. MOTION KLONOWSKI, SECOND TRAN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY CLERK WITH TABELING ITEM 10.1 INDEFINETELY.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

3A THE MOTION PASSED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-TRAN, KLONOWSKI, MORSON, MCGARVEY, WINSTON: NO-LEE, ERIKSEN.

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

3B.1 Interview Applicants for Commissions.

Mayor Winston and Council Members interview applicants to fill current and upcoming openings on commissions.

3B.2 Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission 2023 Year-in-Review and 2024 Workplan.

Dwain Erickson, RPAC Chair, briefed the Council on the RPAC's 2023 Year in Review and 2024 Work Plan.

3B.2 MOTION KLONOWSKI, SECOND LEE TO ACCEPT THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION 2024 WORKPLAN.

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, MCGARVEY, TRAN, WINSTON; NO-NONE; ABSTAINED-MORSON.

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

4.1 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #2024-1299 AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE BROOKLYN PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

4.2 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-29 APPROVING A SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING RESTAURANT AT 7749 ZANE AVENUE.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-30 APPROVING A SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CAR WASH ON A PROPERTY ZONED PCDD.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-31 APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A CAR WASH AT 5909 96TH LANE NORTH.

4.4 TO APPROVE A TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE CHURCH OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOR THEIR AUCTION FOR EDUCATION TO BE HELD APRIL 20, 2024, AT 9100 93RD AVENUE NORTH.

4.5 TO FULLY RELEASE THE OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY BOND #7314181 (\$929,100.00), TO FULLY RELEASE THE PERFORMANCE BOND (\$48,900.00), TO PARTIALLY RELEASE THE DEVELOPERS' ESCROW (\$38,012.99) FOR A NEW TOTAL OF (\$25,000.00) FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE "169 LOGISTICS CENTER" PROJECT #22-111.

4.6 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-32 TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 BITUMINOUS OVERLAY PROJECT TO C.S. McCROSSAN CONSTRUCTION INC.

4.7 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-33 ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$996,240.10 TO NORTHWEST ASPHALT OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA FOR 2024 MUNICIPAL STATE AID (MSA) WEST RIVER ROAD AND 73RD AVENUE MILL AND OVERLAY, CIP 4002-24.

4.8 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-34, ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,251,870.76 TO R.L. LARSON EXCAVATING, INC. OF SAINT CLOUD, MINNESOTA FOR 2024 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, CIP 4003-24.

4.9 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-35 TO ACCEPT BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE SANITARY SEWER TELEVISIONING AND CLEANING TO PIPE SERVICES CORPORATION.

4.10 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-36 APPROVING THE BID AWARD FOR THE 2024 VEHICLE HOIST REPLACEMENT AT CENTRAL GARAGE, BAY #2 TO ZAHL MAINTENANCE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81,722.00.

4.11 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2024-37 TO ACCEPT CHANGES TO THE PROCUREMENT PURCHASING MANUAL.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

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

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None.

6. LAND USE ACTIONS-None.

7. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Second Reading of an Ordinance to Consider the Recommendation of the Brooklyn Park Charter Commission to amend Charter Chapter 4, Section 4.03 of the Home Rule City Charter.

Charter Commission Vice Chair Barbara Bor briefed the Council on the Ordinance to amend Charter Chapter 4, Section 4.03 of the Home Rule City Charter.

Council Member Klonowski stated the Council asked the Charter Commission to help the Council solve a problem they saw which was undo expense and long periods of time where there were vacancies on Council. She stated, currently as it stood with the Charter, if it was a year or under, the Council was able to appoint someone to serve. She stated the Council asked for if it was two years and under for that same ability. She stated the amendment as it stood, instead of having the ability for the Council to pull someone off a Commission to serve in an empty spot, it would instead take whoever had more than 50% at the Primary election who was declared the winner. She stated she didn't know if that was exactly the spirit of what the Council had asked for. She stated when she read the amendment, saw there was work put into it, understood the arguments for it, but didn't know it fit with the spirit of what the Council was asking for.

Vice Chair Bor stated the commission vote was 5 to 1 when it was brought back to the Council. She stated the commissioners were opposed to appointments and a lot of discussions around the whole democratic process. She stated it was it was a high value they needed to represent the city and that's how it evolved to still being a special election and not an appointment. She stated like RCV, which had been raised as a question, they ended up following a solution of if it was 50 percent plus resulted in that person automatically becoming the representative to the Council or mayor and was immediate. She stated the commissioners consulted with legal, Administration and looked at other cities on what they did and what the commissioners came up with as the amendment.

City Attorney Thomson stated the amendment might not have gone as far as some Council Members would want. It did take a step and if the Council still felt they would like the Charter Commission to consider the amendment further, the Council could do that.

Council Member Lee stated he accepted the commission's conclusion on appointees if the commission felt it was not necessary and not part of the democratic process. He stated he understood it and if most of Council wanted the commission to take another look at it that is on the Council to vote for it. He stated he also remembered the idea of having 50% plus candidate of the primary declared the winner as part of the original conversations and good with it. He stated that the Council at least had that to move forward to help alleviate some of the costs and some of the process and was a good proposal.

Council Member Morson asked the Council Members what was missing and what they thought was more needed in the language to solidify their confidence in the effort.

Council Member Klonowski stated her argument was that she didn't think it had enough of what the Council was asking for. She stated it did follow logic of ranked choice voting that was to suggest they would all believe ranked choice voting was the right way to go. She stated many of the Council Members went through primary elections and someone might have had 50% or higher and were not the ones sitting in those chairs right now. She stated it was not a perfect solution and when she sat through the long conversations about it, there was great debate and arguments on both sides but didn't feel it hit the spirit of what the Council was looking to do. She stated their request was to consider an appointment from the Council voting on someone filling a spot under two years. She stated, her opinion, it was not close to that as she had hoped for.

Mayor Winston agreed with Council Member Klonowski, when they had under two years, they wanted a full Council and want each district to have full representation. He stated sometimes when there was a primary, that pushes it back, additionally, just the cost of it, and many times had low turnout and was very difficult to get the word out around them and might not be as representative as they thought. He stated he would look for a solution that was closer to allowing the Council to have a full Council as much as possible because the work needed to be spread out and was unfair to the districts. He stated things happened but unfair when they went for long periods of time without full representation and needed to have both voices. He stated his general instinct would be someone appointed under two years and everyone having a vote, still representative portion of did represent the will of the people. He stated it was an operation thing and the Council wanted to have all hands-on deck. He stated many of the Council Members recall when they did not have a full Council and are happy when they had a full Council.

Council Member Eriksen stated he saw the merits on either approach, on the democracy question and the full Council question and remembered the conversation they had. He stated he imagined a middle path assuming when they had to have a unanimous vote tonight, if the middle path was an appointment until the special election could be held. He gave an example when Council Member Pha, now Senator Pha left office, there was an 8-month gap. During the 8-month gap before they were able to seat Council Member McGarvey and during that 8-month gap the West District was underrepresented. He asked they could have a placeholder appointment until such time an election could occur.

Mayor Winston stated he liked that approach and made sense to him, full representation and the democratic principle was still respected. He asked the city attorney if the Council wanted to approach it from asking the Charter Commission to take that compromised approach into account, what would be his suggestions in terms of a motion.

City Attorney Thomson stated they could do both. They could adopt the amendment before Council and give further direction to the commission to look at it or the Council could send it

back without passing the amendment. He stated he did know the option of an appointment during a time of a vacancy until a special election occurred was an option and was discussed by the charter commission. He stated it was not the one they picked, and the amendment tonight was the one they picked. He stated it was not a full solution and didn't think to the issue the Council presented. He stated the amendment went some way to speed up the process when there was vacancies because the problem that happened when Council Member Pha left, they had two elections, a primary and special and could only do them on certain days of the year because it changed. He stated it was up to the Council, whether to take the small step and give further direction or ask the Charter Commission to look at it again without adopting the amendment.

Mayor Winston stated he was not comfortable as it is written and would ask the commission to take it back and make it approach the compromise that Council Member Eriksen put forth.

Council Member Lee thought it was awkward to send it back to have the commissioners rewrite what the Council wanted. He stated that if everyone was onboard tonight with the compromise, to an appointee until the special election, asked if they could make it a friendly amendment to the motion and vote on it.

City Attorney Thomson stated the Council couldn't do that. He stated there were only certain ways to amend the Charter, and tonight was by unanimous consent, but it had to come from a recommendation from the Charter Commission. He stated there were other ways. The city Council could initiate the charter amendment, but they couldn't do it amending the amendment before them by unanimous vote because that was not a process that was allowed.

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND TRAN TO TABLE IT AND HAVE THE CHARTER COMMISSION CREATE AN APPROACH THAT APPOINTS IF IT IS UNDER TWO YEARS THAT THE CHARTER COMMISSION HAS THE CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO APPOINT SOMEONE UNTIL THE SPECIAL ELECTION OCCURS AND CREATE THE REMAINDER OF LANGUAGE FROM THERE.

At 8.00 Council Member Tran departed the meeting.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

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

7.2 Request by Council Member Morson to Travel to and Attend the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference from March 10-14, 2024.

City Manager Stroebel briefed the Council regarding Council Member Morson's request to Travel to and Attend the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference from March 10-14, 2024.

Council Member Klonowski asked if a Council Member was attending the event.

City Manager Stroebel stated Council Member Tran was attending, and the Council previously approved that conference.

Council Member Klonowski asked if the Council typically sent two Council Members for that

event.

City Manager Stroebel stated he was trying to recall if Council Members were sent to same conference. He stated in the past there had been a staff Member and Council Member attending a conference.

7.2 MOTION KLONOWSKI, SECOND ERIKSEN TO TABLE ITEM 7.2 INDEFINETELY.

Mayor Winston called for a roll call vote.

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Discuss Implementation of Youth Group Violence Intervention

Police Chief Mark Bruley briefed the Council on the Implementation of Youth Group Violence Intervention. He briefed on the Goal, Current Strategies to Combat Violent Crime, Opportunities, Direction We are Going, Grant, What Does it Look Like, Advantages to Infusing the Work within PD and What Intervention Might Look Like.

Council Member Morson ask about the restorative justice.

Chief Bruley stated restorative justice processing and gave an example, of going to the individual who might get caught up in a stolen vehicle situation, but the data showed they had seen him running away, involved in minor thefts, and now stealing a vehicle and saw the people they were around, and known gang members. Instead of looking at the criminal justice system they gave him the crossroads to talk to him through and identify what kind of processing he needed. Mentorship, food, and sometimes not have family at home and couldn't expect a 15-year-old to show up at school or not get involved in a gang type activity. He stated it was the basic needs they were addressing, looking at the youth's life and look at what was the missing element they could connect the youth with which was the restorative process.

Council Member Eriksen stated it was work a lot of people hoped for and dreamed about. He stated many police departments seemed reluctant or scared to venture in those things, like the alternative response teams and appreciated the forward thinking and courage to try what hadn't been tried before.

Chief Bruley stated there would be some criticism. He stated there was a group of people that believed the work intervention could only be done by community members and could not be connected to the police department because the police inherently suggested there was mistrust and bad intent. He believed that was something they could overcome. He stated there would be youth if they saw someone doing that work that represented the police, being some barrier to that but believed they could overcome it by building relationships with them. He stated the program was built on connecting and building relationships with youth that could overcome the barrier that somehow the police encompassed some level of mistrust. He believed the police department had risen above that when they saw the level of trust they had in the community and when they saw the survey results from the community. He stated when going out and talking to the community it was a very high level of trust. The youth and schools at some level demanded the SROs return to the schools. He stated they wanted the SROs, who were confidants they

trusted to have in the schools and felt better when the SROs were in the schools. He stated they were well positioned to lead in that work and thought that work was the future and people understood they wanted the best outcomes for the community and started with programs like that.

Council Member Eriksen stated he had seen it in other communities where they had tried the community-based interrupters, regardless how well intentioned they were and how well resourced they were, there seemed to be a competition mentality or an instability in the work that kept popping up and thought it was worth trying that way. He there were many violence interrupters they tried to use in the last 10 years, which was 5 or 6.

Chief Bruley stated they were well intended and had been great groups but never seemed to end well. He stated the restorative justice model was better suited for the community

Council Member Morson stated there were some people saying the community organization might feel the police was not the ideal place in community. He stated he supported the community because he represented the family innocent project and knew there was a place out there for that to happen to partner with policing so both of those components could work. He stated he supported the approach. He also knew the community had a different connection than the police did that could bring both together to provide a better solution and a pathway forward for restorative justice and removing the punishment from those kids engaged in mischief early on that might complicate their lives later.

Chief Bruley stated there was a role for the community and would be community-based interrupters that would be contracted and would be used to do the work. He stated they would report back to a manager and much more tightly managed. He stated they would be from the community and would be community intervention workers similar to what they were using now.

Mayor Winston stated he heard feedback from community members that wanted it outside of police. He stated when looking at the city, looking at the Council, the way they were doing things and even the reputation of the police, didn't always have to be the outsiders, meaning, black, immigrant people of color communities. He stated there was sometimes an assumption they would forever be outsiders and needed to have an outside voice that represented them. He stated when looking at the incoming class of police officers, in the city, had 50% or 60% represented and had people from different religious backgrounds represented. He stated it was a challenge to all communities to realize that when it came to democracy and the city, had a place as someone who was part of the government process apparatus. He stated they didn't have to be an outsider as there was an opportunity to come in and understand how that worked and at some point, become a decision maker at the highest level and impacting policy, He stated he would challenge people to see themselves that way as they did the program.

He stated when dealing with vendors, some information regarding youth or sensitive information, they could not share with those outside vendors. He thought the ability to move quickly and understood what was going on with youth communities and other communities and how that impacted youth to be able to share that information quickly and have an organization structure, that could work with other police departments and other organizations to share the information and react. He stated he saw it this summer, they would hear something happening in Brooklyn Center and now saw it happening in Brooklyn Park and be able to act on that information. He thought that would be a key piece to have that within the structure to share information quickly. He stated the public presence piece for him would be important in terms of police ensuring that as they brought in those contractors on, making sure the contractors had a

public presence. He stated some of those problem areas, they could ensure there was a presence and people felt safe knowing someone out there actively engaging.

He stated the third piece was the prevention piece, very often when looking at issues dealing with the city, they were looking at police responding to something, but as they began to push down crime statistics one of the best ways to push it down was the preventive aspect. He stated it was important as they began to get the information, build a repour and have presence. He stated it was not a one-year thing, in year 3 or year 4 they would have connections to where they could get ahead of things much earlier than they had in the past.

He stated on the violence intervention, his concern was the funding and said they would come back to Council. He thought it was great to hear the Council being onboard but thought there were a few things that needed to happen, and staff was already looking into it. What they could do with the legislators. He stated Hennepin County had some funding and encourage staff to follow up with them. He stated he would reach out to Commissioners and had to lean on the County on an issue they all shared on what funding mechanism they had to help the city fund it.

He stated when they Council said they supported it and there was the bill, was a gap, they were asking the Council if they were willing to make a decision to look at some things and say were they choosing this or choosing that. He stated for him it was clear, public safety was the first responsibility of the city but was a decision they had to make.

He stated in the police department, there had been an emphasis on prevention and was concerned about the youth angle, continuance of care and was a study being done at Hennepin County. He stated they talked about the alternative response team, which went out, if there were mental health calls that should not go to the police, sending social workers, mental health resources and was working. He stated the city had continuously focused on the prevention and the police department was doing a good job in terms of building a repour when they did have to respond they could address it. He stated the youth piece he was concerned on and rarely brought up was the youth continuance of care. He stated he knew there was a study being done in Hennepin County and one of the issues they dealt as a city and a lot of cities were dealing with was, if there was youth that was not quite committing behavior egregiously enough to go to one of the detention facilities many times those youth were going home. He stated there was not a facility to hold them and asked the County as they went through that process to work with the city as much as possible. He stated they realized as city if they had to host it and help lead it the city would do it, but they couldn't have any part of that chain, prevention, response and the holding youth accountable. He stated that holding youth accountable couldn't be missing and couldn't have one link and then all the sudden at the end it dropped. He stated he supported the program and believed it would have an outside impact. He stated he wanted the residents to understand, the police department couldn't do it alone. He stated the residents would need residents to make it clear they wanted the city to get support on that and residents had every right to request that support because they were paying for it. He stated they would continue to perform at a high level and he believed in the program and supported it.

9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Morson stated he needed to let the residents know, that he was contacted by a Council Member who shared with him, she would not be coming back to the Council Chambers because she felt afraid, intimidated and bullied by members of the Council and city staff. He stated she had decided not to come back to the Council for those reasons and led him to a position to deal with those matters.

Council Member Klonowski wished a happy birthday to Chief Bruley.

Mayor Winston thanked city staff and volunteers that worked and led the Black History event. He stated it was well run, great overall and a great look for the city. He commented to the Human Rights Commission, he wanted to make it clear that he understood the passion behind the resolution. He stated from the Council's perspective, when hearing Chief Bruley talk about youth intervention, when hearing the Council trying to close a \$3.5 billion commercial property development gap, hearing about Council trying to remove disparities that had been in families for generations of poverty and even addressing domestic abuse at home because the police department was beginning to build better relationships with communities. He stated they were hearing more and more about those issues and the Council was going to be laser focused trying to address those bread-and-butter issues within the city and continued to keep that focus.

Council Member Lee wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year. He stated it was the year of wood dragon, a very powerful year with a lot of great energy. He wished everyone a happy Lunar New Year to everyone who celebrated it and wished everyone a great year of the dragon.

9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Stroebel stated a question came up when he was presenting a travel item earlier on the \$50 supplemental compensation pay whether it required a Council approval. He stated it was a separate resolution that was considered and passed by the Council at the first month of each year. He stated that resolution came before the Council on January 22 and passed. He stated it identified the activity and number of days for which the Council Member to be engage must be approved by the Council prior to the Council Member participation. He stated it did have to come to the Council before the \$50 supplemental pay kicked in.

He stated there was no Council meeting next Monday. He stated typically it would be a work session night but because of Presidential Nomination Primary election on Tuesday, they will not have Council meetings traditionally the day before election day at the request of the Council.

He stated on Thursday, March 7 in the morning was a real estate forum at Edinburgh USA and on the same night was the CAC improvements community conversation at 630pm in the Garden View room.

10. WORK SESSION – Recess to Room A203

At 9:09 p.m. Mayor Winston called for a recess and stated the work session items would be held in Room A203.

At 9:22 p.m. Mayor Winston reconvened the meeting.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Council Member Tony McGarvey.

Absent: Council Member Maria Tran.

10.2 Discussion on Banking and Trust/Custody Request for Proposal (RFP).

LaTonia Green, Finance Director, briefed the Council on the Banking and Trust/Custody Request for Proposal. She briefed on the purpose, Banking Services and Trust Custody RFPS, Necessary Services Bank RFP, Trust/Custody RFP and Council input.

Council Member Morson asked if they considered a minority bank.

Finance Director Green stated as part of the RFP a minority bank would be able submit an RFP to the city like any other bank would.

Council Member Morson asked how much the banks were willing to contribute to the city's effort by holding the city's funds and giving back to the community to help the community out for being the banker of choice.

Council Member Klonowski stated she spoke to Director Green about the supplier diversity and some indication they worked on what their staffing levels for women and BIPOC community and whatever their diversity qualifications would be.

Council Member Eriksen suggested asking the banks to describe one or two projects they had invested in that were risk tolerant or and investment in an organization that might not been a traditionally sought after project.

Mayor Winston suggested asking the banks if they knew about the Brooklyn Park Small Business Center and what they saw their relationship being with that facility.

City Manager Stroebel asked if they had access and if it was public where their portfolio of loans was to small businesses, residential and if there were any demographics on the loans.

Director Green stated the banks did have reports for the public and was how they got tagged as not meeting those requirements. She stated if the Council wanted to know where they stood on that, she could pose that question and could also show if they were supportive to supporting some riskier projects.

Council Member Lee stated he would like to see in the proposal from the financial institutions to put a package together on how they could help a city grow. He stated US Bank was big, but did they have a focus on the city, but came with a lot of great bells and whistles and efficiencies and would like to see what they were giving the city versus another financial institution that might have a more focus on helping the city through their work.

Finance Director Green stated once she had all those questions from Council and Dr. Davis, she would come back and ask the Council if those the questions they wanted to ask.

Council Member Morson asked how they would send out the RFPs to the potential bankers.

Finance Director Green stated they would post it in the official newspaper and the city's website. She stated they could also ask the financial institutions to respond to the RFP.

Council Member Morson stated he wanted the opportunity to be available to anyone and if needed to use a bigger publication to attract more people or businesses. He stated that was an idea because not everyone would read the Sun Post newspaper, such as Wells Fargo and anyone else not paying attention the Sun Post newspaper where they could compete for those opportunities.

Mayor Winston suggested reaching out to some of the locally banks. He stated the banking sector was not a giant sector and was not like a fast-food place on every corner as there were a limited amount of them. He suggested looking at the midsize banks, banks in the city and send emails and letting their leadership know the city had an RFP. He thought the companies were probably scanning newspapers on a regular basis if they were interested in getting into the field of work.

Council Member Lee asked if the credit unions were part of the RFPs for the size of the city.

Finance Director Green stated there could be some credit unions that would apply, as long as they could meet the minimum requirements the city had. She stated she was skeptical with dealing with credit unions because they were now just getting into having the full insurance. She stated that also could be said for a new bank just starting out too as long as they were told of the city's needs and if they could meet those needs could have a fair chance and opportunity to be a competitor.

Mayor Winston suggested contacting the Chamber the city belonged to and letting them know about the RFP to share it within their network. He stated there might be small businesses in that network or the Chamber could send it out to the bank that were Members of the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT - With consensus of the Council, Mayor Winston adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK