

SPECIAL BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 5, 2024
6:08 p.m., Garden View Room

Community Activity Center
5600 85th Avenue North

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Hollies Winston

PRESENT: Mayor Hollies Winston; Council Members Xp Lee, Boyd Morson, Maria Tran, Christian Eriksen and Tony McGarvey; City Manager Jay Stroebel; Assistant City Manager Dr. Angel Smith;; Program Assistant Katrina Doshier, Strategic Management Coordinator Zach Kramka, Michell Robinsons, Recreation and Parks Director Brad Tullberg, Fire Chief Shawn Conway, Police Chief Mark Bruley; Operations and Maintenance Director Dan Ruiz; Planning Director Paul Mogush, REDI Manager Dr. Marcellus Davis, and City Clerk Devin Montero.

ABSENT: Nichol Klonowski (excused).

Budget Advisory Commission: Chair Akeem Adeniji, Commissioners: Wolf Madsen-Forrest, Henry Blake, Theresa Ajiboye.

Charter Commission: Chair Dennis Secara; Commissioners Shamara Freema, Peggy Larkin, Susan Mabera, LaDawn Severin, Staff Liaison Devin Montero.

Community Long-range Improvement Commission: Commissioners Edna McKenzie, Theodosia Harris, Cindy Johnson, Nailah Hendrickson, Patrick Chittester, Umebe Onyejekwe, ; Staff Liaison Mitch Robinson.

Human Rights Commission: Chair Andrea Maikkula, Commissioners Nehemiah Garley, Mallory Knipe, Jen Best, Lacy Myrman, Staff Liaison Dr. Marcellus Davis.

Planning Commission: Chair Liam Cavin, Commissioners Kathy Fraser, Philip Gaye-Bai, Chukwunedu Arah, Maggie Borer, Shereese Turner, Liam Cavin, Staff Liaison Paul Mogush.

Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission: Chair Dwain Erickson; Commissioners Joshua Uloth, Doug Crandall, Taylor Murray, Judy Purcell, Miriam Osammor, Latrina Caldwell, Dwain Erickson, Deb Lande, Kellina Quigley, Staff Liaison Brad Tullberg.

NW Suburbs Cable Commission: Commissioner Hasit Parmar.

Watershed Commission. Commissioner Steve Antolak

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

B.1 Commission Recognition Dinner

At 5:45 p.m. the Council, Commissioners, and staff Liaisons had dinner.

At 6:04 p.m., Mayor Winston welcomed the Commissioners for their time and efforts on being on Commissions.

At 6:11 p.m., City Manager Stroebel thanked the Commissioners for their great work and provided the agenda for the meeting: Dinner and conversations with Council, Commission

photos, Commission updates, and table conversations and reporting out on their discussions.

At 6:12 p.m. City Manager Strobel stated the Commissions would give an update on their activities from the last year and 2023 initiatives.

1. **Budget Advisory Commission.** Chair Adeniji, gave the Commission update:
 - Highlights from last year: Created committee task force teams to review Benefit Fund, Sales Tax, Employee Retention; developed common metrics for reporting department budget information to the BAC; made recommendations on the tax levy;
 - 2024 Initiatives: Continued work on Task Force committees; Identify possible new revenue sources; Analysis of quarterly financials; review and make recommendations on department budgets; engage in community events.
2. **Charter Commission.** Chair Secara gave the Commission update:
 - Highlights from last year: Considered issues related to the city's public purpose expenditure policy, city council vacancies and special elections. Recommended the public purpose expenditure policy be amended to allow council use resident's tax dollars to fund community events
 - 2024 Initiatives: Will propose amendments to the city charter that address vacancies in the office of council member in cases where the unexpired term is greater than 365 days.
3. **Community Long-range Improvement Commission.** Chair Staff Liaison Mitch Robinson gave the Commission update.
 - Highlights from last year: Housing-Research the development of a Housing Commission; follow up with staff to ensure the outcomes of the CURA housing study are implemented; Friendly and Safe City for all Ages-Research youth programming available in Brooklyn Park and surrounding communities; discussed involvement with Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for youth; Mobility-researched complete streets policies
 - 2024 Initiatives-Housing: Research and discuss Accessory Dwelling units; follow up on CURA study recommendations; Friendly and Safe City for All-Explore partnerships with Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for youth; Mobility-Make complete Street Policy recommendation to council; Cannabis Legislation-Discuss license distribution, distance to public buildings, business hours, etc.
4. **Human Rights Commission.** Chair Maikulla gave the Commission update:
 - Highlights from last year:
 - 2024 Initiatives-Enhancing Marketing and Awareness, Strengthening and Learning Development Opportunities, Accountability and Community Response, Collaboration and partnerships with city government/council
5. **Planning Commission.** Chair Cavin gave the Commission update:
 - Highlights from last year: Reviewed and approved 465 units of housing, 324,430 square feet of employment space; 610 Corridor development study, Land Use Code update Phase I,
 - 2024 Initiatives: Northwest Small Area Plan, Land Use Code Update Phase II, Northwest Development Planning, Land Use Code Update Phase II
6. **Recreation and Parks Advisory Commission.** Chair Erickson gave the following Commission update:
 - 2023 RPAC Accomplishments: Youth and Teen Recreation Center Planning, Community Activity Center Improvements, Age Friendly Work Activation, Noble Sports Park Baseball Field
 - 2024 RPAC Work Priorities-Renovation and Expansion of Zanewood Recreation Center, Park ordinance update-Cannabis, Community Activity Center

- Improvements, Reimagining Public safety partnership with community intervention
7. **Watershed Commission.** Commissioner Steve Antolak gave an update on the Watershed Commission activities.
 8. **NW Cable Commission.** Commissioner Hasrit Parmar gave an update on the Cable Commission activities.

At 6:45 pm Mayor Winston departed. Mayor Pro Tem Lee concluded the meeting.

At 6:47 p.m. the Commissioners took their group photos.

At 7:02 p.m. the Commissioners and staff returned to the Garden View Room to continue the Joint Council Commission meeting.

At 7:05 p.m. City Manager Stroebel briefed on the 2025 community goals the assessment goals to attain BP2025 and a refresh of the goals and asking the community on how it should be and prioritized.

At 7:00 p.m. Council Member Morson departed.

At 7:15 p.m. after the presentations, table discussions were held facilitated by the staff liaisons. The questions asked to the Commissioners and Council were:

- *What is the City of Brooklyn Park doing well?*
- *If you had three wishes, what would you wish for Brooklyn Park in order for it to be the best?*
- *What strengths do you, your family, and your community bring to Brooklyn Park?*

At 7:50 p.m. the table discussions were completed, and each group reported on their discussions and top three priorities. Below were the priorities given by each group. (Items marked with an asterisk (*) were mentioned multiple times.)

1. What is the City of Brooklyn Park doing well?
 - Diversity*****
 - Police trust
 - Franchise fee for roads
 - Working and living in the city is the best
 - Flashing left turn arrows
 - Roads and transportation*
 - Good neighbors

2. If you had three wishes, what would you wish for Brooklyn Park in order for it to be its best?
 - Youth engagement*
 - Economic vitality (youth, transportation, housing, jobs, beautify city)
 - Redistribution of resources
 - Sense of safety and security
 - Reputation and marketing
 - New business
 - Crime prevention – disrupt and intercept crime

- Safe workplace training
3. What strengths do you, your family, and your community bring to Brooklyn Park?
- Volunteering
 - Sense of community
 - Support of local businesses

At 7:59 p.m. City Manager Stroebel and Mayor Winston thanked everyone for participating.

He stated he would take the results of the conversations and prepare a report and would be shared with the council and commissions.

ADJOURNMENT - With consensus of the Council, Mayor Pro Tem Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK