

REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Council Chambers
5200 85th Avenue North

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Hollies Winston

PRESENT Mayor Hollies Winston; Council Members Christian Eriksen, Maria Tran (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), Xp Lee, and Nichole Klonowski; City Manager Jay Stroebel; City Attorney Cristina Cruz-Jennings; 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: Council Member Boyd Morson (excused)

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. The first was concerned with legalization of marijuana, the other two were from a nonprofit organization member and a resident regarding the business displacement at 7710/7714 buildings. He stated Community Development Director Berggren followed up with a meeting and will have meetings with Ms. Butler and ACER for potential opportunities and other options for the displaced business owners.

2B PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Gordy Aune, Jr., 2438 Pearson Parkway. Asked about spending \$20,000 for advertisements in the Sun Post newspaper. He stated tonight's public hearing advertisement for Agenda item 5.1 cost \$200.

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

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

3B.1 Mayor's Proclamation of February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Brooklyn Park.

Mayor Winston read the proclamation proclaiming February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Brooklyn Park.

3B.2 Presentation of DeLois Bolden Brown Service to Community Award.

Police Chief Bruley present the DeLois Bolden Brown Service to Community Award to Tekoa Cochran for her actions.

3B.3 Mayor's Proclamation Proclaiming February 17, 2023 As "Dr. John F. Helling Day" In the City of Brooklyn Park.

Mayor Winston read the proclamation Proclaiming February 17, 2023 As “Dr. John F. Helling Day” In the City of Brooklyn Park.

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

4.1 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK’S PAY EQUITY REPORT FOR 2022 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE 1984 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAY EQUITY ACT.

4.2 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-15 APPROVING NO PARKING PROHIBITION ALONG BOTH SIDES OF BOONE AVENUE BETWEEN 62ND AVENUE AND I-94.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-16 APPROVING A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR THE POLICE MENTAL HEALTH UNIT.

4.4 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-17 TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE 2023 BITUMINOUS OVERLAY PROJECT TO PARK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

4.5 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-18 TO AMEND THE 2023-2027 CIP TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OFF-STREET TRAIL ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF ZANE AVENUE BETWEEN 63RD AVENUE AND BROOKLYN BOULEVARD.

4.6 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-19 TO AWARD A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR TREE INJECTION SERVICES FOR EMERALD ASH BORER PROJECT TO RAINBOW TREE CARE FOR 2023-2025.

4.7 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-20 ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDED CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,616,241.22 TO NORTHERN LINES CONTRACTING OF HANOVER, MINNESOTA FOR 2023 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, CIP 4003-23.

4.8 TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE PETITION FOR VACATION OF A DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT.

4.8 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-21 ORDERING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR VACATION OF A DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 Public Hearing for Preliminary Allocation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds and Appointment of Representative to CDBG Public /Human Services Selection Committee.

John Kinara, Housing and Redevelopment Coordinator, briefed the council on the preliminary allocation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds and appointment of representative to CDBG Public/Human Services Selection Committee.

Mayor Winston opened the public hearing to consider the preliminary allocation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds. The following individuals addressed the council:

1. Gordy Aune, Jr. 2432 Pearson Parkway. Stated he wanted to know about the last 3 years of allocations and when talking about the county board asked if it was the Hennepin County Commissioners. He stated it was great the city was able to allocate those funds.

Mayor Winston closed the public hearing and returned the item back to the table for consideration.

Council Member Klonowski stated it looked like there was some money left for the home rehabilitation loan. She asked if there was anything he needed to support the team in order to make sure those got out because it looked like three more families could have gotten the \$15,000 loans.

Housing and Redevelopment Coordinator Kinara stated the program year ran from June 30 2023 and left over money from 2022 would still be used. He stated they had people waiting for money and the process of being qualified for it.

Council Member Tran asked if he attended the annual association meeting, because she didn't remember him attending.

Housing and Redevelopment Coordinator Kinara stated he did attend community meetings from time to time as part of the outreach to talk to potential homeowners, homeowners' association and community-based organizations about the opportunities the city had in terms of the programs to provide funding for rehabilitation projects and home improvements. He stated he would attend several meetings in the city or go out with other colleagues, and sometimes with the code enforcement official.

Council Member Tran asked about the homeowners writing to the city about a homeowner scam incident. She stated an officer at the meeting offered the loan for a homeowner and went in a different direction and asked about the financial reimbursement from the scam because of a financial mismanagement from the association.

Housing and Redevelopment Coordinator Kinara stated they had a financial program that addressed the needs of the Homeowners Association in the community and call it the housing improvement area loan, 10-15 years at 3-4% and provided to HOAs in the community. He stated over several years they had done 14 loans. He stated the funding allocated was a long process and took 4 council meetings to approve. If not approved; then there was a special assessment over the full term of the loan, 10 or 15 years.

Mayor Winston asked if the program for HOAs was not run through the CDBG program and if it was a separate program.

Housing and Redevelopment Coordinator Kinara stated it was a separate program and funded by a different funding source.

Mayor Winston asked about the Teen Center and \$100,000. He stated he knew they had issues with funding the youth programming but also knew there was a backlog for those resources as well on the 300-person backlog. He wondered if they could take some of that from the teen center and put it toward that backlog to help the backlog and finding that teen center funding elsewhere. because they were going to have to find much more than the \$100,000.

Council Member Lee stated it had to do with what was in the description, in terms of the preliminary design work, and assumed the actual development came from other sources. He thought the \$100,000 was necessary for work to be done with and if they found it somewhere else because everything was tight.

Recreation and Parks Director Tullberg stated the \$100,000 would be used in the predesign and design work. He stated they had funding through the park bond money and was allocated toward construction and as the years had gone on since the park bond referendum and dealing with hyperinflation, they were looking for any way they could to find additional funding to help support the project. He stated the first piece was ready to kick off with the predesign and design development and they were getting ready to do interviews in the coming months.

Council Member Lee asked about the \$314,000 the council was allocating in the 2023 budget, on the rollover amount; and asked how much that rollover amount was on top of the \$314,000.

Housing and Redevelopment Coordinator Kinara stated from the \$322,000 from the previous year, and to date, they had done about \$277,000 and the roll over amount to be used until June 30 was \$60,000.

Council Member Lee stated the \$314,000 allocated today was not much lower than what was allocated last year and the level of service for the CDBG home rehabilitation loan would not suffer as much.

Council Member Eriksen stated the park bond referendum money for the youth center was for an additional facility but the \$100,000 was related to improving the Zanewood facility and asked if that had changed and were no longer considering an second facility.

Recreation and Parks Director Tullberg stated on the park bond referendum was potentially for a second location. As they worked through the years, on the park bond, it became more apparent that Zanewood was the location based on the proximity to schools, walkability and access to a higher concentration of young people. He stated over the course of time of the park bond, had gone back to an expansion of Zanewood Recreation Center being that spot. He stated the \$100,000 was for the design of that expansion.

Community Development Director Berggren stated that on the strategy with CDBG on ways they thought about those funds over time, they had been allocating a portion of funds to invest into the Zanewood Recreation Center and Lakeland park. She stated it was a continuation of that investment pattern. She stated one of the reasons she thought it was valuable as they were going out and seeking other funds for the teen center that some of those funding partners, looked at it and saying they had been pulling from all the places they could because it was a

project matter. She stated there was some element of showing the commitment by using the valuable resources toward that project; but the council could use any strategy they wanted related to how they used CDBG as housing had been the primary uses for the funds. She stated they did invest of \$1 million of EDA dollars into housing programs and was not the only pot of money available for home rehabilitation.

5.1 MOTION LEE, SECOND ERIKSEN TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FUNDS AND APPOINTING JOHN KINARA TO REPRESENT BROOKLYN PARK ON THE HENNEPIN COUNTY CDBG PUBLIC/HUMAN SERVICES SELECTION COMMITTEE. MOTION PASSED. (5 TO 1) TRAN VOTED NO.

6. LAND USE ACTIONS-None.

7. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Appointments to Commissions.

7.1 **BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION (BAC)**

District Change

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND LEE TO CHANGE AKEEM ADENIJI'S CURRENT CITY AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT TO HIS RESIDING EAST DISTRICT FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2025. (Replacing Amelia Goins). MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

City At-large (One appointment)

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND LEE TO APPOINT THERESA AJIBOYE TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CITY AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE BALANCE OF A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2025. (Replacing Akeem Adeniji's City At-large seat) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PLANNING COMMISSION

East District

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO APPOINT PHILLIP GAYE-BAI TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE EAST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE BALANCE OF A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1, 2025. (Replacing Nichole Klonowski) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION (RPAC)

West District

7.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND LEE TO APPOINT WILLIAM BIRDNECKLACE TO THE RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE WEST DISTRICT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE BALANCE OF A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 1,

2024. (Replacing Jane Wilson) MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7.2 Approve Amendments to the Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Equipment Plan.

Dan Ruiz, O&M Director, briefed the council on the amendments to the Capital Improvement Plan and Capital Equipment Plan.

7.2 MOTION LEE, SECOND ERIKSEN TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-22 TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PLAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 2021-2022 Update on the Status of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Director Community Development, Kimberly Berggren, gave an update of ARPA to date including spending approved and activities. She stated other staff will also brief on .

BBYA Rebecca Gilgen briefed on: City Investments Accelerating Youth, Mission, Strategies, and Investments in youth Matter.

BBYA Julie Richards briefed on: Youth OnBoard Programs, Youth on Board Updated, Decision Making Tables, and Youth on board Priorities 2023.

BBYA Andrew Moua briefed on: United Brooklyn Anti-Hate Campaign, The Crew, Who are We, Interviewee Demographics Summer 2022, Effects of Bias, and Anti-Hate Project 2023.

Mayor Winston asked about the anti hate campaign. He asked what relationship had they built with the school boards and administration because a large piece of that, was schools being transparent and depended on those relationships.

Mr. Moua stated their board directors had a member from each of the 9 partner organizations and one School board member from the four school districts and had that relationship through there. He stated they partnered with schools on other projects and had relationships with principals, teachers and counselors specifically with Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park schools and growing relationships with Champlin Park and Robbinsdale. He stated a lot of the work was done because they were able to talk to school administrators, principals and assistant principals to have a presence and learn about how schools dealt with something like it.

Council Member Lee stated he saw \$55,000 was allotted to the BBYA and if they were asking for more or wanted to keep that \$55,000.

Community Development Director Berggren stated everyone attending tonight was describing how they intended to use the budgeted amount and had not asked if they wanted more money. She stated most of it was allocated this year, although there was a large amount money, the council would have an opportunity to allocate later this year or into the next year. She stated they were presenting on what they were planning to do with the dollars that had already been allocated.

Assistant City Manager Dr. Angel Smith briefed on: City Investments Highlights – Engagement

and Cultural Media.

Recreation and Parks Director Brad Tullberg briefed on: City Investments Recreation and Parks Project Coordinator, Pandemic Response, Felicia Jappah briefed on Community Response Proposals.

Mayor Winston asked about the cultural media advertising youth led podcast if they considered private public partnerships. He thought there were companies that would write a check to help grow it and expand it. He stated it was an opportunity for youth to help sell the program and develop those skills at a young age and getting them started early.

Dr. Smith stated they were always looking for opportunities for partnerships and would be adding that to the list of things to grow the program.

City Manager Stroebel briefed on City Investment Highlights Violence Preventions.

Council Member Lee asked if they were asking for additional funds for the arts work. On the emergency management support specialist, he stated the reports said it was new and the funds would be taken from that to help support the new violence prevention coordinator role. He asked why the emergency management support specialist was not placed in Fire Department and why it was a new addition in the report.

City Manager Stroebel stated the allocation of \$15,000 was approved by the council in 2022 arts health and wellness and was not asking for additional dollars beyond what was already allocated. He stated it was confusing b splitting up into two lists, one list had things in motion and tied to staff resources already put in play and the other list of things he asked the departments to put a pause on the allocation of spending of those dollars until they get final council approval of the 2023 council.

On the emergency management support specialist, he stated it was an idea that came forward late in 2022 and the \$85,000 was previously approved by the 2022 council for that position. He stated they did not want to include that position within the general fund budget because it would have added significantly to the levy increase. He stated they proposed using the ARPA dollars to get the position up and running in 2023. He stated the proposal tonight was to repurpose the \$85,000 dollars to help with the violence prevention coordinator position and use the other fire department one-time dollars to fund the position in 2023. He stated since that time, the Fire Chief was looking at a transition and had to figure out those specifics before moving forward on that position.

Council Member Lee stated the funds coming out of ARPA for the violence prevention coordinator, emergency management support specialist, mental health services work and the reclassification of community engagement liaison, was one time. He asked how sustainable they were going to be and if they were thinking about absorbing that into the general budget in 2024.

City Manager Stroebel stated their hope would be to preserve those positions long term and use the ARPA dollars for short term and not impact the property tax levy. He stated as went into planning the 2024/25 budget they would consider those to be absorbed within or find additional grant resources beyond the ARPA dollars for those positions.

Mayor Winston stated at the capitol, there had been proposals in the senate and house and the governor put something in his budget around the violence interruption. He thought for 2024/25 that would be a future resource going forward. He stated it was also an opportunity for residents, if they wanted see the work continue beyond this year or next year and didn't want it to come out the levy, to reach out to the local state senators/representatives and let them know dollars for that work was important. He stated the state reps were looking at a model where the violence interruption became something standard in areas that was dealing with those issues.

Council Member Lee stated the work the BBYA was doing was great and wondered if they could try to reach out more with Champlin Park and Osseo High schools. He stated there were also a few charter schools, special education schools and the more they could pool together with the different schools systems the more they could pull the youth together from all those different communities. He stated there had been questions about the East District, the northern city and needed to continue to think about those opportunities in the future with those funds.

9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Lee reminded everyone Valentine's Day tomorrow and to enjoy the day and have a loving and caring 2023.

Mayor Winston stated he attended a conference called project equity and the premise was around increasing work around businesses. He stated cities across the country would have a huge silver tsunami and not just the workforce, but including businesses owned by boomers. He stated what they were finding that a lot of those businesses, even though they were viable, trying to put them up for sale and people didn't want to buy them because they were not offering enough cash, require a lot of work and not interested in acquiring them. He stated some businesses were viable and no one was buying them or people did not have the cashflow to do that or not aware those businesses were up for sell or looking for help for with succession planning. He stated it was an opportunity for owners who hadn't always owned a business to get in on it for to make sure those businesses had some type of succession plans. He thought about the number of small businesses that were in the city or midsize businesses and people were thinking about retiring and moving on and they did not have a succession plan. He thought it was in the in the best interest of the city to make sure there was one, so they were not seeing a bunch of businesses go out of business or leave the city. He stated it was a midterm discussion considering the staff capacity and thought it was something that made sense not just for the quality of life, but it was basic economics in terms of what the city was looking for.

Council Member Klonowski gave a Charter Commission update on the meeting last week. She stated Council Member Morson had brought up the management system the city had, a strong mayor versus how the city had it established, and he had proposals on a strong mayor/council. She stated the Charter Commission did quite a bit of research and found the way the city was currently operating was equitable and was supported in the current city charter.

9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Stroebel stated next Monday was Presidents Day and the EDA meeting was on Tuesday.

He stated the annual police awards was held last week. Mayor Pro Tem Lee shared a few words and did a cheer with the group and thanked Council Member's Lee and Morson for attending. He stated the police department staff appreciated the council's participation and on behalf of the police chief, police staff and himself, thanked the council.

ADJOURNMENT - With consensus of the Council, Mayor Winston adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK