

REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 27, 2023
6:09 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Council Chambers
5200 85th Avenue North

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Hollies Winston

PRESENT Mayor Hollies Winston; Council Members Christian Eriksen, Xp Lee, Nichole Klonowski, and Maria Tran; 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: 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 was one comment at the last meeting. He stated the question was around the Sun Post newspaper and how much the city compensated for advertisements and got that answered that evening and no additional response was needed.

2B PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Collette Guyott Hempel, 9277 Trinity Gardens. She congratulated the Park Center High School boys' basketball team for placing 2nd place in the Class 4a tournament. She stated they had a tough year with a loss of a teammate by a ghost gun from last year's state champion team. She stated they realized the pain of violence far more than most adults could imagine. She stated Saturday's game showed integrity, sportsmanship, even though there was a brawl in the concourse and false statements about a gun and it being Park Center fans implied involvement by the media. She stated they had shown the character for the residents they could be proud of as a community.

She thanked Minnesota Acts Now, Bishop Harding Smith and Spike Moss for getting the Governor to double the budget request for public safety to include additional officers and more violence interruption prevention funds. She stated it was their integrity and data records along with the proven success toward making a difference. She stated Mr. Smith's building was not about a church, but a center to support young adults in the community that were no longer in school but desperately needing mentors and people to fill the gap of a family.

She stated the constitution referred to the separation of church and state to mean no one religion was in power like the church of England. She stated in 2010, the Catholic charities spent \$4.7 billion in the United States and of that \$2.9 billion came from federal grants to provide services to the poor and those in need. She stated people of faith had a tendency to donate their time, money and took lower salaries to serve others.

She stated some comments at the last council meeting were divisive and reflected personal attitudes toward people that did not reflect many residents' opinions toward the quality or work Minnesota Acts Now had meant to the community. She stated the community needed to unite and celebrate the diversity in cultures, races, genders, and ages together because that was how to strengthen the city. She stated people should know that the Brooklyn Park township was the first township in Hennepin County to give civil war veterans, whether they were white or African American, 40 acres for homestead. She stated there were many things that Minnesota, including Dred Scott were involved with to make a difference.

2. Steve Marsolek, 7800 Colfax Ave N. He stated the city manager owed him a response because he did not get one from his direct staff for the last 4 four months. He stated the question for him today, on November 2, 2022 at a meeting that was held and hosted by Jason Newby for the demo complaint portal process and public facing reporting, did Jason Newby or a member of the city staff at that meeting state that the program the city

was using was out of date and was not adequate to perform in a user friendly manner. He stated that was a simple straight forward yes or no. Did Jason and the city staff did or did not say that statement. He stated the city manager did promise a response to that and he had that email. He stated for people who filed complaints against the city one might expect to get a letter such as this: (Mr. Marsolek read the letter he got)

"While we recognize your passion and commitment to create a more livable community and with strict adherence to the city codes, we are concerned that your communications toward city staff and approach toward reporting and residential and business code violations could be regarded as harassment. Recognizing that we have limited staff resources and health code correction work, we see a need to prioritize that work on the code violations" (He skipped a portion of the letter), "for the next 60 days while city staff and council review these policies, city staff members have been instructed to stop responding to your direct emails, however, after that 60 day review is completed, should your emails continue their unprofessional, disparaging tone, and unfounded allegations, we will continue to ask staff to no longer responding."

He stated the mayor had refused to answer and follow up on formal complaints filed with him per the city guidelines regarding the dereliction of duty of the city manager. He stated he had 5 separate requests for response to the complaint and failed to provide one single response. He stated with the actions listed in the letter to him, he had taken the approach of sending the mayor the same direct questions the city manager was asked. He stated to date, he had not received responses. He stated this afternoon, he filed a formal complaint with the city manager, and the city attorney, against Mr. Hollies Winston, city mayor, for dereliction of duty, for not following or adhering to established procedures for reporting and addressing possible code of conduct violations. He stated if the mayor and city council attempt to try and paint a picture of him other than that of a concern resident of the city for over 40 years who was attempting to hold the elected officials along with the city manager and staff accountable for upholding the codes, that was harassment and discrimination, against the resident.

3. Renee Brustad, 8325 67th Ave N. She stated there had been an ongoing feral cat issue she had been dealing with for a year. She stated everyone was aware of it, the council, and the clerk as well. She stated previously there was comment when the media had interviewed the city and said by mid-2023 the city would resolve the issue. She stated it was two months from that and wondering what was going to happen in the next few months to resolve the issue. She stated she had sent emails too and had not gotten responses.

3A. MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY CLERK WITH REMOVAL OF ITEM 6.2. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3B PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/RECEIPT OF GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

3B1 Proclamation Declaring March 30, 2023, as "Marlene Kryder Day" in the City of Brooklyn Park.

City Manager Stroebel briefed the council and presented Marlene with a paver.

Mayor Winston read the proclamation proclaiming March 30, 2023, to be observed as "Marlene Kryder Day" in the City of Brooklyn Park.

3B2 Update on the Highway 252 / I-94 Environmental Impact Statement; CIP 4050-19

Mark Lundeberg and Aaron Tag, MnDOT and Justin Sebens, SRF Consulting Group, Inc. gave an update on Highway 252.

Council Member Lee asked if they had determined where the in person open house would be.

Mr. Lundeberg stated at the Discover Church, 1400 81st Avenue North.

Council Member Lee suggested another organization, Asian American Family Wellness located in Brooklyn Center, close to Shingle Creek, and on the border of Brooklyn Park. He stated they had a great audience, if they could work with them to hold something at their new location as they had some great space that would be beneficial for community engagement purposes.

Mr. Lundeberg stated they would work with him, if that was appropriate, and see what they could do about that.

Council member Lee stated there was a question he had about the preliminary safety work. On the first bullet point, said, "to remove the free right turn in southwest corner of Highway 252/66th Avenue," he asked if the east bound on 66th Avenue making the right turn to highway 252 south, was going to be removed.

Mr. Lundeberg stated it was modified. They would be removing the free right, was still going to be able to make the right-hand turn. Would remove that slip ramp, bring the cars over to the crossing, make them stop. He stated it was better for the pedestrians, the crossing and traffic.

Council Member Lee asked if they were getting rid of the island.

Mr. Lundeberg stated as far as what he understood and heard, with that removal, they were getting rid of the island and pavement.

Council Member Lee stated he appreciated the signal ahead pavement markings northbound on highway 252 for the 66th Avenue signal. He stated it would help a lot too for cars getting into the overpass and through there.

Mayor Winston stated the council heard a lot where people being concerned about some of the displacement, especially around 85th Avenue and around some of the homes on the outer edges. He stated that maybe they had not gotten far in the process to really understand what that would look like. He stated he would want to hear what that process would look like in terms of considering that and didn't mean the project did need to go forward but just to help people to better understand how it was going to affect how the city looked like and potentially some of those businesses and homes.

Mr. Lundeberg stated with the scoping process, they were at the fifty-thousand-foot level or higher and didn't have anything exact. He stated they had a thick marker on a thin map and drew some lines. He stated that every step of process, especially as they got into the DEIS and they start going through their steps there narrowing down the project. He stated as they got to the preferred alternative and 85th Avenue as an example, they would talk about the access types that existed there, whether it was at grade, closure or an interchange. He stated once that determination was made then they started to look at that design and right of way limits started to come into play. He stated that based on grades and typography once they established that, then they would go at a finer look at each of the impacts to see if there were properties that they were touching and find a way to not touch or to certainly minimize the amounts that they were touching. He stated he always liked to use an example, that if they were clipping a corner and taking 5 square feet of a property, there was no reason they were going to do that. He stated they were going to find a way to move it, so they were not taking 5 square feet from a parcel. He stated they would certainly get into those details, and they were not there now or not there today. He stated as they moved forward, the rest of 2023 most likely in 2024 and 2025 before they were getting into a much more detailed level to be looking at that information.

Mayor Winston thanked them for coming out and making a presentation.

Council Member Lee stated he wanted to emphasize to the residents, even if they were not on the east side, to go and look at the information on the website and submit their comments and thoughts. He stated a lot of them did travel on Highway 252, they had a lot of family or friends that traveled on Highway 252. He encouraged the residents to share their thoughts with them with the council during the public comment period and was only the next 60 days.

Syed Husain, Planning Commission Chair, presented the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Plan.

3B3 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2023 WORK PLAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3B4 Budget Advisory Commission 2023 Workplan

Teshite Wako, Budget Advisory Commission Chair and Akeem Adeniji, Budget Advisory Commission Vice Chair, presented the Budget Advisory Commission annual report and 2023 Workplan

3B4 MOTION TRAN, SECOND ERIKSEN TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION 2023 WORKPLAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3B5 Mayor's Proclamation Declaring May 6, 2023 as "Arbor Day" and the Month of May as "Arbor Month" in the City of Brooklyn Park.

Mayor Winton proclaimed May 6, 2023, as "Arbor Day" and the Month of May as "Arbor Month" in the City of Brooklyn Park.

3B6 Applicant Interviews for Brooklyn Park Development Corporation Open Board Of Director Seats

Mayor Winston and council members interviewed applicants for Brooklyn Park Development Corporation Open Board of Director Seats.

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

4.1 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-36 APPROVING THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK TO PARTICIPATE IN AND ACCEPT OPIOID SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS FROM PHARMACEUTICAL DISTRIBUTORS AND OPIOID MANUFACTURERS AS PART OF THE NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENTS UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE AMENDED MINNESOTA OPIOIDS STATE-SUBDIVISION MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.

4.2, TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-37 APPROVING MNDOT CONTRACT NO. 1052122 APPOINTING THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AS AGENT OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK TO ACCEPT FEDERAL AID FUNDS WHICH MAY BECOME AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE TRANSPORTATION RELATED PROJECTS.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-38 AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ENTER INTO A REPAIR CONTRACT WITH UPPER MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF STORM DAMAGED SAFETY NETTING AT NORTHWOODS PARK, WITH FUNDING BEING PROVIDED BY AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 LOSS CONTROL INTERNAL SERVICE FUND BUDGET.

4.4 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-39 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DESIGN BY MELO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$165,000 TO PROVIDE PRE-DESIGN AND DESIGN DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AND TEEN RECREATION CENTER.

4.5 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-40 TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE HENNEPIN YOUTH SPORTS PLAYGROUND GRANT
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PROGRAM.

4.6 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-41 AMENDING RESOLUTION #2022-113 APPROVING PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR "TESSMAN RIDGE" SUBDIVIDING 6.16 ACRES INTO THREE LOTS AND ONE OUTLOT AT 6900 85TH AVENUE NORTH, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION.

4.6 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-42 APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR "TESSMAN RIDGE" SUBDIVIDING 6.16 ACRES INTO THREE LOTS AND ONE OUTLOT AT 6900 85TH AVENUE NORTH, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION.

4.6 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-43 AMENDING RESOLUTION #2022-114 APPROVING A SITE PLAN REVIEW AND VARIANCE FOR A 75-UNIT MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING AT 6900 85TH AVENUE NORTH, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION.

4.7 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-44 TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN A GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (MCES) FOR REDUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER INFLOW AND INFILTRATION.

4.8 FOR A RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BONDS #82C235037 (\$1,355,00.00) AND 82C235038 (\$735,700.00) BY LIBERTY MUTUAL, FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE ONSITE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE "NORTHPARK V AND VI" PROJECT #21-101 LOCATED AT 10501 WINNETKA AVE N FOR SCANNELL PROPERTIES #377, LLC.

4.8 FOR A RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE BOND #1117 (\$32,500.00) BY WESTERN BANK, RELEASE OF THE ENGINEERING ESCROW (\$945.92), FOR SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE ONSITE IMPROVEMENTS OF THE "EXCELL ACADEMY ADDITION" PROJECT #20-102 LOCATED AT 6510 ZANE AVE N FOR FRIENDS OF EXCELL ACADEMY.

4.8 TO RELEASE PERFORMANCE BOND #30127241 (\$895,800.00) BY WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, RELEASE THE DEVELOPERS BOND (\$27,909.00), AND RELEASE THE CASH BOND (\$47,100) FOR SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE "RASMUSSEN UNIVERSITY" PROJECT #21-107 LOCATED AT 5555 96TH AVE N FOR THE OPUS GROUP.

4.9 TO APPROVE A TOBACCO LICENSE FOR NOBLE GAS INC. DBA NOBLE MOBIL, LOCATED AT 9500 NOBLE PARKWAY NORTH, BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55443.

4.10 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 22, 2023, AT 9100 93RD AVENUE NORTH.

4.11 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-45 APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES REVENUE NOTE (OXBOW LAKE CARE CENTER, LLC PROJECT), SERIES 2011A, SENIOR HOUSING REVENUE REFUNDING NOTE (OXBOW LAKE CARE CENTER, LLC PROJECT), SERIES 2015A AND SENIOR HOUSING REVENUE REFUNDING NOTE (OXBOW LAKE CARE CENTER, LLC PROJECT), SERIES 2015B; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ALLONGE TO EACH OF THE SERIES 2011A, 2015A, AND 2015B NOTES.

4.12 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-46 APPROVING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MINNEAPOLIS NORTHWEST TOURISM BOARD.

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MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.1 Resolution Approving a Modification to the Development Program for Development District No. 1, Establishing Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-28 (a Housing District) Therein and Approving a Tax Increment Financing Plan Therefor.

Sarah Abe, Development Project Coordinator, briefed the council on the Modification to the Development Program for Development District No. 1, Establishing Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-28 (a Housing District) and approving a Tax Increment Financing Plan.

Mayor Winston opened the public hearing to consider the Modification to the Development Program for Development District No. 1, Establishing Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-28 (a Housing District) and approving a Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The following individuals addressed the council-None.

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

5.1 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND LEE TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-47 APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1, ESTABLISHING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1-28 (A HOUSING DISTRICT) THEREIN AND APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN THEREFOR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. LAND USE ACTIONS

6.1 Pickle in the Middle – Conditional Use Permit #23-103 for a Commercial Indoor Recreational Facility Over 2,450 Square Feet at 7700 68th Avenue

Paul Mogush, Planning Director, briefed the council on the Conditional Use Permit #23-103 for a Commercial Indoor Recreational Facility Over 2,450 Square Feet at 7700 68th Avenue.

6.1 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-48 APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMERCIAL INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITY OVER 2,450 SQUARE FEET AT 7700 68TH AVENUE NORTH. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.2 (REMOVED)

6.3 Interim Ordinance Establishing a Six-Month Moratorium on Development of Property Located North of 93rd Avenue and West of Regent Avenue and Directing that a Planning Study be Conducted.

Paul Mogush, Planning Director, briefed the council on the Interim Ordinance Establishing a Six-Month Moratorium on Development of Property Located North of 93rd Avenue and West of Regent Avenue and Directing that a Planning Study be Conducted.

6.3 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND TRAN TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT ON SECOND READING INTERIM ORDINANCE #2023-1287 ESTABLISHING A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF 93RD AVENUE AND WEST OF REGENT AVENUE AND DIRECTING THAT A PLANNING STUDY BE CONDUCTED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

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7.1 Authorize Up To \$3,517,865 In Project Expenditures for The Construction of The West Unit of Mississippi Gateway Regional Park.

Brad Tullberg, Director of Recreation and Parks, briefed the council on the Project Expenditures for The Construction of The West Unit of Mississippi Gateway Regional Park.

7.1 MOTION LEE, SECOND ERIKSEN TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2023-49 TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$3,517,865 IN PROJECT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST UNIT OF MISSISSIPPI GATEWAY REGIONAL PARK. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

8.1 Brooklyn Park Reimagining Public Safety

Mark Bruley, Police Chief and Brad Tullberg, Recreation and Parks Director briefed the council on the Brooklyn Park Reimagining Public Safety Plan.

Mayor Winston stated they had the strategy of growing our own when it came to diversifying the department or just having active officers. He wanted to know why it was successful and if there were any barriers the council could help with or barriers, they were encountering in terms of the program growing our own.

Police Chief Bruley stated they took CSO program, abolished and created a cadet program with the idea they were going to have the cadets doing community service type work, unlocking car doors, assisting officers, towing vehicles. He stated then they would offer those part time position cadets to pay for their education, send to law enforcement school and when completed they would be moved into their academy and then moved into police officer positions. He stated it was intended to diversify the department. He stated they marketed and targeted those nontraditional candidates to law enforcement. He stated they spent the first 7 years lumbering along and did not have success in attracting the talent they were looking for. He stated the tide had turned and now had a lot of very diverse candidates that looked at it and got hired. He stated it had been successful over the last 3 to 4 years. He stated the most successful was using the mentorship model, assigning the cadets as they came into a police officer as a mentor. He stated they would ride with the officer, building relationships, acclimating them to law enforcement, the work and what it looked like. He stated the officer also helped them through school, talking about their life, managing their jobs, their education process and helped them with the schoolwork and as very successful.

He stated he sees it as the future of hiring police officers. He stated the current process that closed today or tomorrow, they had 5 people put in for the police officers' job and currently had 10 openings for police officers and had 5 applicants. He stated that the model was not going to be sustainable. He stated the cadets who would be joining their academy in July didn't know if they would be able to keep up with tradition if they didn't start to grow our own and more resources in keeping more cadets and hiring more cadets.

Mayor Winston asked for an update to the council in a few weeks on how the council could help to make sure they had that pipeline and keep that momentum going. He stated the more they could grow within specific cultures, the better it was for the city in terms of not having to waste a lot of time retraining people in how we do things in the city.

He stated he knew about plans for a youth infrastructure especially below 85th and on tonight's Consent agenda, there was a Design by Melo and they would be looking into the cost of creating youth infrastructure and asked about the plans for that so the residents would have a better understanding.

Recreation and Parks Director Tullberg stated Design by Melo would be evaluating a new teen recreation center for additional space for teen recreation. He stated it would be at the Zanewood Recreation Center, either a renovation or new construction or combination of the two and those were the first steps. He stated the
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Community Engagement division would be working with the community, council, recreation and parks commissions and the young people who used the recreation center to find out what the need is for the additional space.

Council Member Lee stated the general calendar on the website had mostly commission meetings, Toastmasters, and other events. He stated in April, there was the Conversation on Race event and listening to what park and recreation and community engagement events with the police department, had to do a better job of putting those events on the calendar. He stated that was the go-to calendar for people and if they don't see it then they would go to the Rec and Parks webpage or go Facebook. He stated the calendar needed to be kept busy with events and not mostly commission meetings.

He stated his comment was for community development. He had meetings with organizations on existing red lining policies that were still affecting the city, whether it was financial institutions, businesses, or real estate. He suggested putting some focus on that to continue that work and make sure the city was cleared of any of it might still exist and not currently being practiced but if it was still in the books, it could be a loop hole for people to use.

He stated on the Violence prevention manager title, that it didn't because the person would do more than that and asked if they could modify it.

City Manager Stroebel stated that was the actual title and might have an option to have HR name in terms of some of the administrative pieces and thought it was the appropriate name for the relative work being done.

Council Member Lee stated it was reinforcing the fact there was violence in the city and needed to reframe it was not just public safety. He stated there were other crimes than violent crimes, such as mental health and youth. He stated it was the system's position to coordinate all that public safety work.

He stated the repeat offenders was a big issue with the previous county attorney and asked if the police chief had an opportunity to sit down with new county attorney Moriarty.

Police Chief Bruley stated he had met with the county attorney along with other police chiefs prior to her election and met again with the group on her philosophies and the way she would set up her office. Her staff said she wanted to set up quarterly meetings with different area chiefs.

Mayor Winston stated they had something set up with meetings with her office and more around the juvenile's aspect of it. He stated part of the issue police chief Bruley had made clear, especially for juveniles, for those who were repeat offending and some of the offenses were more egregious than others, there was not always a location to put them because some of the locations they had were taken down in the past because they were offending in their own way and not rehabilitating youth.

His understanding from talking to the Hennepin County attorney's office they were interested in establishing something with best practices and was figuring out the will of the County to do that. He stated the county had expressed interest but needed to make sure that interest turned into actual facilities that were addressing the larger issues.

He stated at the state capitol there were differing streams of legislation and trying to work that out. He stated one level of people were putting together some dollars and asking for a study; around juvenile facilities and what that should look like. He stated that the study would run for 10 to 11 months and would come up with their suggestions in February. He stated there was other legislation that Ramsey County has put forward for those facilities but nothing from the Hennepin County side. He stated in that same bill there was some language around violence interruption and getting upstream of children dealing with truancy and other issues.

He asked the residents to follow some of the legislation coming down from the state and let the Governor other
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legislators knew their concerns because there were opportunities to get funding to establish best practice facilities to deal with some of the issues the city was seeing with juveniles.

Council Member Lee stated he hoped the police chief would continue to communicate and engage with MN Acts Now to continue to glean from them and maybe be part of the advisory group on their experiences they

learned previously would be valuable.

He stated he mentioned geography based on policing and was not sure if it was ready or they were looking at integrating it. He stated it was an approach of looking at certain geographies, for example, Detroit, they all knew buildings that were worn down or torn down and create an environment for crime, those types of things. He stated there were groups looking at those types of geographies, like the city parks could use more lighting in certain areas or on streets to help deter crime.

Police Chief Bruley stated it was like CPTED, Crime Prevention Through Environmental design, and was looking at a lot of different factors, such as the design of the buildings, light of the building, the area. He stated they did that and did premise surveys. He stated they continuously did that on their own buildings and do CPTED reporting. He stated he had specialist trained, crime prevention officers were trained in CPTED analysis and attended certification trainings and would go out to the buildings and talk about the weak points and strong points, where there are opportunities for more lighting, what doors should be locked if the buildings were vacant. He stated every burglary that happened in the city they give that person a letter and offer them the opportunity to have one done on their home. He stated they had a standing practice that anyone calls and asked for one they would get them on the list and get a CPTED evaluation, either home or business. He stated he would send information on CPTED to the council.

Mayor Winston asked about the Art program and knew people were comparing it to cope and were some differences. He asked the police chief to speak about those differences.

Chief Bruley stated art, was Alternative Response Team, and stemmed from an art team that developed in Denver CO. He stated they did it around a homeless problem and created that team that involved a social worker and paramedic and would triage for mental illness, would care and overdoses; We sent a team with the county to look at that program; really liked it but also see how it matched, not necessarily with the homeless problem but matched up well with their group home issues the community was having. He stated that research, developed with Hennepin County, dispatch to come up with criteria to be able to dispatch the group, a social worker and paramedic on their own vehicles. How does this match up with COPE, was a social worker line where peopled could call, they would respond out to their homes but did not always respond to their homes. He stated a lot of times it was for someone that was depressed and feeling suicidal and help triage opportunities to go to a hospital, get resources or talk to them. He stated what they didn't do, they didn't respond if there were mentions of weapons, mention of a crime, or any type of hostility. He stated they had a 24-hour line they answered.

He stated the Alternative Response Team was stationed out of the police department and did not ride with a police officer but on the same police radio. At times will get a call from dispatch that doesn't involve the police. The officer will hear them go to a call but would be a situation clearly not a crime or any type of hostility or safety concern. He stated a lot of times there is safety concerns and maybe obtained some type of weapon and felt suicidal or committed some sort of assault and having some mental issues. The police officers would respond, and a lot of times the officer's presence would deescalate the situation, take away any weapons, calm the person down and bring in the Alternative Response Team in, second later and not hours later when it is determined to be safe. He stated they brought in a lot of tools and resources that the police officers don't have available to them.

9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Klonowski stated the council recognized Arbor Day and didn't do anything for Women's
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History Month and acknowledging the month of March. She stated Friday, March 8, 2024, was Women's International day.

Council Member Lee stated there was the Highway 252/94 comment period and if all council members could help spread the word about the comment period. He stated there was a tool kit they got from the Metropolitan Council and had put it out over the next few weeks. He stated it showed the distinction between the 4 lane and

6 lane options, the types of intersections being available, and the 5 or 6 combinations would have an impact on the environment, traffic and properties. He stated there was a lot of information to focus on and best serve the residents.

He stated it was Ramadan Mubarak for the residents of Islamic faith and there would be some events over the next few weeks.

Council Member Tran suggested the Highway 252 project public comment period be put in in the Park Pages for the public to get involved.

9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Strobel congratulated the Park Center High School Boys basketball team as they came second place in the state tournament.

He stated there were a lot of concerns about the mail delivery and City Clerk Montero for a second time had gone over to the post office, 6 months ago and today and spoke with the supervisor who was there and they were dealing with staffing issues. City Manager Stroebel stated the level of service was not satisfactory and gave. He gave a phone number to the council members to call if they got calls from the residents with concerns and having mail issues.

Mayor Winston stated he would also discuss the post office concerns with Congressman Phillips. He also said it was Ramadan Mubarak and the Park Center basketball team, the city was proud of them and thanked them for bringing that pride to the city.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1 MOTION WINSTON, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL IN RECOGNITION OF AND RESPECT FOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF PATRICK DESBONNET AND RESPECTFULLY ASK THE SUPPORT OF FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS.

PATRICK SERVED AS AN ELECTION JUDGE, HEAD JUDGE AND ABSENTEE VOTING JUDGE FOR MANY ELECTIONS FOR THE CITY. HE WAS VERY DEDICATED AND PROUDLY SERVED THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK COMMUNITY. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TOUCHED MANY LIVES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

I FURTHER REQUEST THE MOTION BE MADE A PART OF THE PERMANENT RECORDS OF THIS BODY AND THAT A LETTER BEARING THE CITY SEAL AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR BE SENT TO THE FAMILY ADVISING THEM OF THIS ACTION.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT - With consensus of the Council, Mayor Winston adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

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