

REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Council Chambers  
5200 85th Avenue North

City Clerk Montero announced the swearing in of Council Members.

Mayor Roslyn Harmon, City of Golden Valley, swore in Shelle Page as Central District Council Member.

City Clerk Montero swore in Amanda Cheng Xiong as East District Council Member.

City Clerk Montero swore in Tony McGarvey as West District Council Member.

City Clerk Montero announced that due to the Mayor being absent and a Mayor Pro Tem has not been appointed, the Council would have to appoint a Council chair for tonight's meeting.

MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND MCGARVEY TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER KLONOWSKI AS COUNCIL CHAIR FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING.

MOTION TRAN TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER PAGE AS COUNCIL CHAIR FOR TONIGHTS MEETING. THE MOTION FAILED DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND.

THE VOTE ON THE MAIN MOTION TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER KLNOWSKI AS COUNCIL CHAIR FOR TONIGHTS MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Nichole Klonowski

PRESENT Chair Nichole Klonowski; Council Members Christian Eriksen, Amanda Cheng Xiong, Shelle Page, Tony McGarvey and Maria Tran; City Manager Jay Stroebel; City Attorney Jim Thomson; Community Development Director Tim Gladhill; Finance Director LaTonia Green; Operations and Acting Maintenance Director Greg Hoag; Recreation and Parks Director Brad Tullberg; Police Chief Mark Bruley; City Clerk Devin Montero and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Gooden.

ABSENT: Mayor Hollies Winston (excused)

Chair Klonowski opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2A RESPONSE TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENT

City Manager Stroebel stated there was no public comment at the last Council meeting.

2B PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Collette Guyott Hemple, 9277 Trinity Gardens.** She congratulated the new Council Members as well as Council Member McGarvey for returning, She asked again for the Council's help regarding Minnesota and federal constitutions that the Council had taken an oath for, regarding the Osseo School District. She stated it was year 4 of the community education and now excluded some of the schools in the city primarily the

ones south of 85<sup>th</sup>. She stated any ones south of 85th that did, had 1 out of 69 listed after school activities on the community education website for after school for kids.

She stated the city had 404 group homes, the largest number other than Minneapolis or St. Paul, in the state and they did not have disabled courses and there were no senior courses physically present in the city from the school district.

She stated they were closing Crest View elementary and from a federal standpoint, when closing a school, had to give kids choices of less highly mobile and at-risk schools. She stated the Crestview kids were told they could go to Edinbrook elementary with 50% turnover within a year: Fair Oaks or Zanewood. She stated the public needed to know when that meeting was held. She stated she knew in the past the city Council had tried phone calls and the City Manager and Parks and Recreation Department had tried having meetings with the school district and nothing seemed to change. She stated it had been for 4 years of that happening since covid ended.

She thanked the Park and Recreation Department for the last two years they had put together an excellent winter break with bus transportation and everything to serve kids in the city. She stated the Lions Club had done the Drum Corp and Dance line for 15 years. The Rotary club and other clubs as well as individuals paid for specific programs and there were foundations like the Thielen Foundation and Minnesota Chill that made such an impact.

2. **Sandi Richmond, Big Brothers/Sisters organization, 3110 Washington Avenue, Minneapolis.** She stated the organization was the largest mentoring hub located in north Minneapolis, where they created and supported mentoring relationships. She stated January was national mentoring month and in attendance to celebrate with everyone and share some volunteer and mentoring opportunities. She stated they had volunteer opportunities ranging from 12 weeks to 1 year. They matched adult volunteer mentors with youth in their programs based on shared interest and proximity to one another. She stated they currently had 23 Brooklyn Park youth waiting to be matched with mentors and meant 23 parents or care givers had found their mission very valuable enough to sign their child up to receive a mentor. She stated they had over 500 youth waiting in the counties of Hennepin, Ramsey, Dakota, Washington and Anoka. She stated if anyone was interested in being a Big or know someone who would make a great Big, to inquire at [www.bigtwincities.org/volunteer](http://www.bigtwincities.org/volunteer) or connect with her on LinkedIn. She stated making an impact together would be bigger together.
3. **Robert Klave, 6280 Forest Avenue North.** He stated at the request of Rick Luckow, Public Utilities Superintendent, referred him to speak tonight about sewer assessment issue. He stated he had his own well and found out many years ago, his billing did not relate to the people that had water coming from the city and was about 3 times as much. He thought there should be some type of assessments for those residents including himself. He stated he would like that to be looked at quickly, because compared to the residents or others in the area was very costly for him. He stated he just wanted it to be looked at and based on the number of households too because he thought the assessment was done according to how many people were in the house and that had changed dramatically in the past couple decades. He stated the single households made a difference as far as the sewage and water were being consumed.
4. **Jammer Miceli, 6281 Florida Avenue North.** Stated he had an issue that was ongoing in Hennepin County, the wheelage tax. He stated it was designed in 1970 or 1980 for big trucks/semis that did damage to the local roads. He stated in the last number of years the county had implemented it on all residents. He stated everyone was paying an extra

\$20 a year. He stated he had 5 vehicles on the road and was an extra \$100 a year. He stated the tabs paid that money for the roads and were being double taxed. He believed that \$9 million overflow was part of it and was owed back to everyone. He stated he would like the Council made a motion to end it. He stated he was told by DMV to go to Hennepin County, and he went to the county, and they said he had to go the Council meeting to address it and get the ball rolling. He stated he would like to see it taken out of the legislature or whatever they had to do to get that money back to the people who paid it because it was unconstitutional and were being double tax for the roads.

3A. MOTION KLONOOWSKI, SECOND MCGARVEY TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED BY THE CITY CLERK WITH REMOVAL OF ITEMS 4.9, 7.1 AND 7.2 TO THE NEXT MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

3B1 Introduction of new employees.

Assistant City Manager Smith introduced Cindy Devonish as a new employee to the Administration Department.

3B2 Acknowledge and Accept a \$100,000 Donation from the Thielen Foundation for the Zanewood Recreation Center Project.

Recreation and Parks Director Tullberg briefed the Council on the donation from the Thielen Foundation for the Zanewood Recreation Center Project. He introduced Cindy Hill, Chill Foundation and she briefed about the Council of the partnership with the Thielen Foundation. She introduced Amy Sinclair, Thielen Foundation and she briefed about the foundation and the donation of \$100,000. She presented the check to Director Tullberg.

Parks and Facilities Manager Marcus Hill thanked Council, city manager; Director Tullberg; Youth Services Coordinator Pam McBride and staff at Zanewood for investing in the project and making it a state-of-the-art project facility. He stated the recreation center would be able to serve the youth and families of the community. He gave a special thanks to the Minnesota Chill Foundation and Thielen Foundation for the generous donation. He stated Adam and him both believed in having a state-of-the-art facility for youth and so proud to be doing it with him. He stated Adam was truly their man of the year and if asked everyone to go to NFL.com, and vote for man of the year, Adam Thielen and would greatly be appreciated. He stated in 2023, one of his former Chill players was shot and killed in the city on a Friday night and believe he would still be alive if he had a teen center where he could go and play basketball, be around good staff and mentors. He stated he was a straight A student, going to graduate early from high school and was taking classes at Anoka Ramsey. He stated the new building will forever change lives and happy that everyone would be part of the project.

Council Member Page asked to pull Item 4.8 from the Consent agenda for further understanding

4.0 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND MCGARVEY TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS:

4.0 THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS AND PULLING ITEM 4.8 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4.1 TO CONFIRM THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF AKIHITO JACOBS, CHRIS SULLIVAN AND JASON NEWBY AS ASSISTANT WEED INSPECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2025.

4.2 TO CONFIRM THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT OF AKIHITO JACOBS AND ALTERNATE'S CHRIS SULLIVAN AND MIKE CARHILL AS CITY TREE INSPECTORS FOR THE YEAR 2025.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-01 APPOINTING MARCUS CULVER AND MITCHELL ROBINSON AS DIRECTOR'S AND LATONIA GREEN AS ALTERNATE DIRECTOR OF THE SUBURBAN RATE AUTHORITY FOR 2025.

4.4. TO CONFIRM THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF DR. MATTHEW HOCKETT AS BROOKLYN PARK'S HEALTH OFFICER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2025.

4.5 TO DESIGNATE THE BROOKLYN PARK SUN-POST AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK FOR THE YEAR 2025.

4.6 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO DESIGNATE A DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, FIRE CHIEF, POLICE CHIEF OR THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO SERVE, IF NEEDED, AS ACTING CITY MANAGER THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.

4.7 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-02 TO ACCEPT A MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ARMER GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE RADIOS.

4.10 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-03 RELATING TO COUNCIL/STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES.

4.11 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-04 AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ATTEND APPROVED MUNICIPAL FUNCTIONS.

4.12 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-05 RELATING TO BUSINESS EXPENSES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

4.13 TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION AND APPOINTMENT POLICY FOR FILLING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR COUNCIL MEMBER.

4.14 TO SET THE LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING FOR MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.

4.15 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-06 DESIGNATING REAL PROPERTY APPRAISERS FOR 2025.

4.8 Community Activity Center Improvements Task Force Member Recommendations.

Recreation and Parks Director Tullberg briefed the Council on the Task Force recommendations.

Council Member Tran announced the names of the Members of the Task Force and thanked everyone for serving the city.

Council Member Page asked about the 19 applications for the 6 at large. She ask if there was room for the individuals to be added to the Recreation and Parks Advisory with Terry Parks and Ice Sports with Sarah Pericho and TBD for hockey. She asked if there was room in that capacity to put them in there for support or was that part of a group and they were leading it and was not familiar with the process.

Director Tullberg stated the appointments to the RPAC, Ice Sports and Hockey came from the organizations. He stated at the time of the packet, the hockey representative was not identified but Collin Steen, President of Osseo Maple Grove Hockey, which serves a big portion of Brooklyn Park would be the hockey representative on the task force. He stated that the folks not selected they would be alternates but he had heard from everyone that they accepted to be a part of it and look forward to be on the task force. He stated they would need to be part of those specific organizations to represent whether it was Courts or Ice.

Council Member Page asked about the meetings and who would be attending.

Director Tullberg stated he would be attending with Parks and Facilities Manager Hill, CAC Manger Mark Palm and those 12 people and would meet once or twice a month to have discussions on the improvements.

4.8 MOTION MCGARVEY, SECOND TRAN TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-07 TO APPROVE AND APPOINT RECOMMENDED COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS TASK FORCE MEMBERS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None.

6. LAND USE ACTIONS-None.

7. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS.

7.3 Public Purpose Expenditures Policy Approval.

Finance Director Green briefed the Council on the Public Purpose Expenditures Policy.

Council Member Tran asked about the meals and refreshments she had seen in the reports relating to interviews.

Director Green stated if it was a meeting with staff to discuss candidates, lunch would be provided, but if they were interviewing, meals would not be provided, but did provide water.

Council Member Tran stated residents were not happy with property taxes and needed to try to minimize it because it was a burden on the taxpayers. She stated the Council had to do what they could to do their best to serve the residents.

7.3 MOTION XIONG, SECOND ERIKSEN TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-08 ACCEPTING THE CURRENT PUBLIC PURPOSE EXPENDITURES POLICY. MOTION PASSED UNAIMOUSLY.

7.4 Request by Mayor Winston to Travel to and Attend the Mississippi Rivers and Towns Initiatives Special Mayoral Reception from January 17-18, 2025.

City Manager Stroebel briefed the Council on the Mayor's request to travel to the Mississippi Rivers and Towns Initiatives Special Mayoral Reception from January 17-18, 2025.

7.4 MOTION MCGARVEY, SECOND XIONG TO APPROVE MAYOR WINSTON TO TRAVEL TO AND ATTEND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVERS AND TOWNS INITIATIVES SPECIAL MAYORAL RECEPTION FROM JANUARY 17-18, 2025. THE MOTION PASSED. (5 TO 0) TRAN ABSTAINED.

8. DISUCSSION ITEMS – None.

#### 9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Page wanted to take the opportunity at her first meeting to thank staff of Brooklyn Park for all the help they provided to the elected Council Members. She stated she was excited to work with the current Council Members, City Manager Stroebel, and Police Chief Bruley. She stated she had a lot to learn and thanked the Central District voter who voted her in.

Council Member Tran thanked the Thielen Foundation for their generous donation to the city and would make good use of the donation. She thanked those serving on the CAC Task Force and former Council Member Tery Parks and wanted more residents to come forward and serve. She welcomed the new Council Members and returning Council Member McGarvey who were sworn in today.

Council Member McGarvey thanked the voters of the West District for reelecting him to represent them on the Council. She thanked his wife, SueAnne and daughter and husband, to attend the swearing in ceremony tonight as well as many of his union brothers and sisters. He thanked the Thielen Foundation for the generous donation for the Zanewood Recreation Center. He thanked everyone for their confidence in the Council and participate and help the Council run the city.

Council Chair Klonowski welcomed Council Members Page and Xiong and great to have more women at the dais and glad to have Council Member McGarvey back. She said happy new year to everyone and hoped everyone had time to rest with family.

Council Member Xiong thanked the voters, staff and Council and giving her confidence to serve as a Council Member. She stated she reMembers the time she testified in front of the Council in at the age of 19/20 and promising she would someday be sitting at one of those seats at the dais. She the thank the residents of the city doing all they could and ensuring the city would be a hospitable one. She thanked the voters in the East District who showed up to vote for her and made her proud. She also thanked the Thielen Foundation and was important to continue to investment in the youth and glad the city was able to receive the donation as she was living proof that Brooklyn Park did invest in youth.

#### 9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Stroebel stated there was and a Council orientation this afternoon and as promised passed out the respectful workplace policies for their orientation binders. He also congratulated Council Members Xiong and Page for joining the Council and Council Member

McGarvey for returning to Council. He stated on behalf of staff they were excited for the two new Council Members coming on and returning of Council Members McGarvey, as they got going in 2025 of what all they could accomplish together along with the community. He stated what had been said tonight, the Council needed the resident's input and engagement so they all could do better. He stated if the mayor was watching or listening, he hoped the mayor was doing better.

ADJOURNMENT - With consensus of the Council, Chair Klonowski adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

NICHOLE KLONOWSKI, COUNCIL CHAIR

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK