

REGULAR BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, May 2, 2025
6:34 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Council Chambers
5200 85th Avenue North

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Hollies Winston

PRESENT Mayor Hollies Winston; Council Members Christian Eriksen, Amanda Cheng Xiong, Nicole Klonowski, Shelle Page, and Tony McGarvey; Acting City Manager Police Chief Mark Bruley; City Attorney Jim Thomson; Community Development Director Tim Gladhill; Finance Director LaTonia Green; Acting Operations and Maintenance Director Greg Hoag; Recreation and Parks Director Brad Tullberg; and City Clerk Devin Montero.

ABSENT: Council Member Maria Tran (excused)

Mayor Winston read a statement regarding a council member participating by interactive technology.

PARTICIPATING VIA INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY: Council Member Amanda Xiong.

Mayor Winston opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2A RESPONSE TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Winston stated there was no public comment at the last meeting.

2B PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Robert Clave, 6280 Forest Ave N. He stated he wanted to come up with some resolution in his costs in his billing on his sewer through the utilities department. He stated what he brought tonight was another example of his statement compared to another neighbor to see the difference in sewer costs the neighbors were paying that had city water. He stated he didn't have city water costs. He stated he was asking if the city could come up with some resolution and didn't think it was hard to figure out between him and the city to reduce his costs. He felt it was not fair and thought it was time he received a discount or reduction in his costs for his sewer. He stated he couldn't be going through that much water to be paying that much on his sewer bill. He would appreciate it if the council could help him with that issue. He stated he reached out last week to Council Member Tran and Mayor Winston and had not gotten a response. He stated at the last meeting someone said someone would be contacting him and it had not happened. He stated it needed to get figured out, should be simple and was a matter of getting the approval.

Council Member Page stated she sent a resolution on May 4 and maybe he missed the email. She stated the city had some ideas for private monitoring and cost for it. She stated she would resend the email to him to review. She stated it was an option where the city could do private monitoring for him to see his usage. She stated he could contact Council Member Page to see if that had a resolution.

Mayor Winston stated there was an updated agenda. Item 3B.1 and 3B.3 had been removed. He stated Items 3B.2 and 3B.4 still existed. He stated on the Consent, Item 4.15, Authorize the Purchase of Computer Equipment from Insight Public Sector, was added and Item 7.1, Request

by Council Member Eriksen to Travel to and Attend the LMC Annual Conference from June 25-27, 2025, was added.

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

Chair Winston called for a roll call vote.

3A. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-ERIKSEN, XIONG, KLONOWSKI, PAGE, MCGARVEY, WINSTON; NO-NONE.

3B PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECEIPT OF GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

3B.2 Human Rights Commission Annual Report and 2025 Work Plan.

Chair Andre Perez Maikkula briefed the council on the annual report and work plan. She briefed on the Brooklyn Park's Vision, Human Rights Commission assisting the MN Department of Human Right, Current Bylaws, Human Rights Commission Members, Staff and Council Liaisons, 2024 Work in Review, 2024 Work Plan, Notable HRC Work for 2024, and 2025 Work Plan.

Mayor Winston stated he enjoyed the meeting where they were talking about the biotech district. He stated there were opportunities as they moved forward with biotech in terms of some of the goals they had on equity. He stated he thought equity was more of ownership and not political when talking about development and developers, jobs coming in or stocks or the opportunity to build wealth. He stated there would be real opportunities there if they talked about the 10,000 jobs, a few thousand housing units, opportunity for developers who hadn't had opportunities, for women to get opportunities who hadn't had a ton of opportunities. He stated the work that the Human Rights Commission did would be key every step of the way in terms of making sure that real wealth was created, that wealth would be important to stabilize the city, making sure they had strong communities that had real ownership within the community. He stated he would be happy to continue that conversation in a time when the city had had folks living near who didn't understand the vision. He stated he didn't know if they saw the city as competitors or they didn't understand the vision but thought HRC's voice and helping residents understand what they were trying to do versus a stereotype or fictional account was going to be important in terms of getting opportunities in a city that many times people had written off as not deserving those opportunities and thought their leadership was going to be key.

Council Member Xiong thanked the Human Rights Commission for all the work they did and stepping up advocating for communities. She stated she was glad to be on Human Rights Commission.

3B.2 MOTION ERIKSEN, SECOND MCGARVEY TO ACCEPT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 2025 WORK PLAN.

Chair Winston called for a roll call vote.

3B.2 THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-XIONG, KLONOWSKI, PAGE, MCGARVEY, ERIKSEN, WINSTON; NO-NONE.

3B.4 Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Lunde Update on 1st District.

Hennepin County Commission Jeff Lunde briefed the council on accomplishments and activities taking place in the 1st District. He briefed on District 1 staff, Safe Communities, Cities United-National Convening, Youth Interventions, Statewide Youth Interventions, Regional Framework-Youth Interventions, Hennepin County Youth Interventions, Blue Line Extension and Commissioner Budget Amendments.

Mayor Winston stated 1.7% of the housing was congregate care facilities, about 10% of the public safety calls came from that and not sure on the breakdown on law enforcement but was significant law enforcement versus fire department. He stated as they went through that process to consider when it came to Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center in the northwest suburbs overall, they had a disproportionate amount of congregate care facilities which ran up the tab when it came to public safety. He stated they wanted that built in as a model so those dollars were accounted for and on their end they would do the part to slow some of that growth. He stated they also needed the partners to make sure that message was being told. He asked about the Cities United if there were specific things Commissioner Lunde would ask the city to be more robust in its support, was the city missing out on things or wished the city would do something to assist them with.

Commissioner Lunde stated the city had been involved and had officers who had attended Cities United and had council, staff and people and actually around the corner on it. He stated to continue to do what the city was doing and talk about moving support for families and the police department getting people connected to services rather than a 911 call. He stated that was the heart of Cities United, empowering people and the work on the plan. He stated the nice thing about the Cities United convening they would have opportunities to meet other cities who might be 6, 9, 12 months ahead of Brooklyn Park in its journey and might see best practices. He stated he loved learning from other people's mistakes and those kinds of things were powerful.

Mayor Winston stated he knew the Commissioner was important in spearheading the alternative response team that gave the city courage to do what it was doing to the community and interventions. He asked about the regional continuum of care, the smaller facilities for youth, and where they were on that. He felt as a city it was getting to a point that it was going to take another 5 to 10 years. He stated the police department could also often pinpoint youth that was exhibiting their troubling behavior or violent behavior and many times there was nowhere to place them within the current system set up. He stated they would go back home and three months later were killed or someone else got killed. He stated it was going down to a certain extent in the city but wanted to get upstream on it. He asked if that was something the city was looking at of the 5 to 10 year timeline, because if it was, needed to start looking at things that the city could carve out to get ahead of that. He stated that it was one of the issues they were struggling with and getting upstream on it would make a big difference. He wanted to hear where it was at and who the council needed to talk to or did, they need to start looking internally at how they were going to handle it.

Commissioner Lunde stated what they were seeing this summer was the first step of that. He stated that the kids in crisis and could get there through commitment with their parents' help. He stated child protection where the county became their parent and could be they did something wrong and ended up in juvenile court where they were found incompetent or maybe they were part of the diversion again. He stated that facility was unique in the state. He stated they actually for the first time could focus on kids and the tenant of the some of the work that they had done at that state. He stated right now that crisis center which would be up and running at the end of

the summer would be that first step, the regional framework. He stated there were facilities in Dakota County and Anoka County and once they put them together it was a network and started to refer kids within their system. He stated they were working together and right now every County competed every day where people had to place a kid competing against every other County to try to find a bed that would then take a kid. He stated the crisis center; the regional framework was probably 12 to 18 months and more would continue that on. He stated the state and Ramsey County had grant money and Hennepin County needed to get that as of today had no beds, no providers and no places. He stated the system was stacked against them to do it. He stated they could build the world's greatest building, and it would be empty because one third of the state's bed, before 2012 had 2250 beds statewide today it had 1400. He stated they lost the third of the beds in the state. he stated if they did nothing more than open up those beds, they needed staff to do that and that was a 50% increase than they have now. He stated that there was 700 beds and didn't need to build anything if they could just open that up and that was where the state came in because they needed them to change the reimbursement rates, the training and so many things like that. He stated he would say the first two, the crisis center was their first step then regional within 24 months and would start to see actual steps in there. He stated they still had 27 to 29 places that to place kids as of right now they were using but difficult sometimes.

Mayor Winston asked if there would be some locations within Hennepin County.

Commissioner Lunde stated the crisis center was at 1800 Chicago in Minneapolis.

Mayor Winston asked about the light rail and the economic benefits it brought. He stated people were talking about everything else sometimes but the light rail and there were a number of developers and people saying they thought that it made sense to have light rail here to create jobs and the amenities the city wanted. He asked what historically came from establishing a line, so people had an understanding what that was.

Commissioner Lunde stated Brooklyn Park had five stops. He stated usually within a quarter or third of a mile of a stop property values went up 15 to 25 percent because of the proximity to a stop and drove up the values. He stated those kinds of proximities where people wanted to live, they could look at that tax value that he heard the council want to increase. He stated that it was one of the net additions and was a multiplier and would start to see people invest. He thought of the work the council had done as a city, the business support center, those kinds of things they thought really popped. He stated they were seeing Robbinsdale climb to the fact that if they went vertical, the tax base suddenly changed overnight because a one story building was not worth as much as a 6 story building.

He also thought international companies tended to think transit was different than American companies when they came and looked. He stated they were looking through their eyes as to what they wanted to see. He stated there was no accident those companies in Japan other places were located on the light rail because they saw that as a central to their development and wanted to build on that. He thought it made it easier to fight for international companies because they wanted to be on a light rail system. He stated Takeda Pharmaceutical had that empty land, if they expanded, they would flip over a new building. He stated they couldn't take the light rail away and bus lines moved. He stated when he was a council member, they moved a bus line from Brookdale Drive, and he couldn't do anything about it by helping the people who lived there and commute went from 30 minutes to 90 minutes each way. He stated when the two pieces of metal parallel were put on the ground for 11 miles that was sticking and that it was

an investment in the people and couldn't take it. He stated they could move the bus lines, but they would have to honor the terms of that light rail.

Mayor Winston stated it was far enough along that it looked like it would happen from the city's perspective. He asked how they could make it work for the city so the residents could get what they needed from it in terms of slowing property taxes, amenities they needed or more jobs or jobs for youth.

Commissioner Lunde stated 610 was a parking lot at rush hours and people were dropping off at 93rd Avenue now. He stated there was rush hour and was bad and thought transit would become more and more back on the table.

Council Member Klonowski stated she wanted to follow up on the conversations on grants, that if they didn't ask for them, they didn't get them. She asked if there was a list of those types of grant opportunities for developments that could be shared with the city.

Commissioner Lunde stated he had two pages of grants at the county, state, and at federal and gave background to know the chances. He stated it was being updated, and they followed a process as he shared on the bus ride. He stated the county budgeted it as they went and didn't keep a fund like the EDA fund or housing fund. He stated every year they allocated money and spent it and was a very regulated grant process. He stated that he looked at that spreadsheet and said where all the money was going, and he was looking for District 1 but unless people were asking there was nothing to give out.

Council Member Klonowski stated the council wanted to figure out what those grants were and start applying for the use it or lose it type of money. She asked if there were any funds set aside for cultural corridors identifying on designing, and for arts integration. She asked if the city applied for the grant and granted the money if I had an expiration date on it for usage and other things.

Commissioner Lunde stated the money that was allocated for that was done through the budget last November/December. He stated he would expect by the end of the summer to have something hit the field. He stated what the County liked to do was pay for advisory service, consulting and was like one time money so the County money was used by the city for that one timer. He stated there would be money put on the table by the state that they were the adjudicators of that would be used for different things. He stated it was their intent to have that art. He thought the station area planning when that got to be more, the city was going to have that chance to say, they wanted that stop to reflect on the community that's around it or reflect some kind of viewpoint and up to the city. He stated they would be putting money in services for that.

He stated Crystal and Robbinsdale got money to help with staff augmentation. He stated there was money allocated by the Met Council to provide some technical expertise where there would be a light rail in a couple of years and couldn't afford a staff person and help to offset those costs so they could get good guidance from someone and not have the taxpayers cover it for a long time.

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

4.1 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-64 AUTHORIZING STAFF

TO ACCEPT GIFTS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 465.03.

4.2 TO FULLY RELEASE THE PERFORMANCE DEPOSIT (\$50,000.00), AND TO FULLY RELEASE THE DEVELOPER'S ESCROW (\$22,878.34) FOR SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE DEV 20103 KURITA.

4.2 TO FULLY RELEASE THE PERFORMANCE DEPOSIT (\$110,000.00), AND TO FULLY RELEASE THE DEVELOPER'S ESCROW (\$45,197.07) FOR SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE DEV 21101 NORTH PARK V & VI.

4.2 TO FULLY RELEASE THE LANDSCAPE ESCROW (\$4,000.00), FOR SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF LANDSCAPING AT 10332 MAJOR DR N.

4.2 TO FULLY RELEASE THE DEVELOPER'S ESCROW (\$2,000.00) FOR SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE DEV 25101 JC RIDER.

4.3 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT ON SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #2025-1312 AMENDING CHAPTER 103 OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY CODE PERTAINING TO ADOPTION OF THE MINNESOTA STATE PLUMBING CODE AND PLUMBING STANDARDS

4.4 TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 12, 2025, TO CONSIDER THE ISSUANCE OF AN OFF-SALE INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SAVANS LLC, DOING BUSINESS AS BROOKLYN LIQUORS, LOCATED AT 6256 BOONE AVENUE NORTH.

4.5 TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 12, 2025, TO SOLICIT TESTIMONY AND CONSIDER THE ISSUANCE OF A CURRENCY EXCHANGE LICENSE FOR EL HORNITO LLC DBA EL HORNITO SUPERMERCADO/SERVICIOS LOCATED AT 7982 BROOKLYN BOULEVARD.

4.6 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-65 TO ACCEPT AN AKC REUNITE GRANT AND AMEND THE 2025 GRANT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE CANINE.

4.7 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-66 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UPPER MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONSTRUCTION PER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$133,568 FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BASS CREEK PARK TENNIS COURT.

4.8 SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR MAY 26, 2025, TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CHARTER COMMISSION TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2.06 AND CHAPTER 4, SECTION 4.03, OF THE HOME RULE CITY CHARTER.

4.9 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-67 TO APPROVE A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR "NORTH PARK BUSINESS CENTER TENTH ADDITION" AT THE INTERSECTION OF 109TH AVE N AND HIGHWAY 169 FOR THE CREATION OF TWO LOTS AND THREE OUTLOTS.

4.9 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-68 TO APPROVE A FINAL PLAT FOR "NORTH PARK BUSINESS CENTER TENTH ADDITION" AT THE INTERSECTION

OF 109TH AVENUE NORTH AND HIGHWAY 169 FOR THE CREATION OF TWO LOTS AND THREE OUTLOTS.

4.9 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-69 TO ADOPT FINDINGS OF FACT FOR THE APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR REDUCED RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH OF 50-FEET, A DEVIATION OF 10-FEET FROM THE REQUIRED 60-FEET FOR LOCAL STREETS AT THE INTERSECTION OF 109TH AVENUE NORTH AND HWY 169.

4.9 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-70 TO ADOPT FINDINGS OF FACT FOR THE APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR REDUCED CUL-DE-SAC RADIUS OF 48-FEET, A DEVIATION OF 12-FEET FROM THE REQUIRED 60-FEET, AT THE INTERSECTION OF 109TH AVENUE NORTH AND HWY 169.

4.10 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-71 APPROVING A SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC FACILITY AT 8600 ZANE AVENUE NORTH.

4.11 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-72 TO APPROVE A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR "610 JUNCTION BUILDING 4" ON THE VACANT PROPERTY NORTH OF 93RD AVE N AND WEST OF HWY 169 FOR THE CREATION OF ONE LOT.

4.11 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-73 TO APPROVE A FINAL PLAT FOR "610 JUNCTION BUILDING 4" ON THE VACANT PROPERTY NORTH OF 93RD AVE N AND WEST OF HWY 169 FOR THE CREATION OF ONE LOT.

4.11 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-74 TO APPROVE A SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING NORTH OF 93RD AVE N AND WEST OF HWY 169.

4.12 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-75 SUPPORT FOR PURSUIT OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING.

4.13 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-76 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EDA PROPERTY LOCATED AT PID 1611921220094 AND ITS SUBSEQUENT SALE TO ADAM SCHIESL FOR \$2,000.00.

4.14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2025, AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

4.14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2025, AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

4.14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK BOARD OF APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2025, AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

4.14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BROOKLYN PARK CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2025, AS PRESENTED BY THE CITY CLERK.

4.15 TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-77 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FROM INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE

AMOUNT OF \$216,279.76 THROUGH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT.

Chair Winston called for a roll call vote.

4.0 THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ON A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: YES-KLONOWSKI, PAGE, MCGARVEY, ERIKSEN, XIONG, WINSTON; NO-NONE.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS-None.

6. LAND USE ACTIONS-None.

7. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS.

7.1 Request by Council Member Christian Eriksen to Travel to and Attend the LMC Annual Conference from June 25-27, 2025.

Council Member Eriksen briefed the council on his request to travel to and attend the LMC Annual Conference from June 25-27, 2025.

7.1 MOTION MCGARVEY, SECOND KLONOWSKI TO APPROVE COUNCILMEMBER CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN TO TRAVEL TO AND ATTEND THE LMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN DULUTH, MN FROM JUNE 25-27, 2025.

Chair Winston called for a roll call vote.

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

8. DISUCSSION ITEMS

8.1 Beautify Brooklyn Park Update.

Cindy Devonish-Hall, Community Experience and Engagement Manager briefed the council on the Beautify Brooklyn Park litter pick up project. She briefed on the Background and Purpose, Current Litter Prevention Efforts, Completed Actions Since March 2025, Proposed New Strategies, Education and Personal Responsibility Campaign, Communication and Marketing Plan, and Community Engagement Events and Timeline.

Council Member McGarvey thanked Manager Devonish-Hall and the team, especially Chris and heard he was monumental out there. He stated he asked Manager Devonish-Hall to read the letter from the principal because he thought that was where it started. They planted seeds that day in children who were now able to say, "there is litter, I can just pick it up and we don't have to leave it there." He thanked the team for all the work and was glad to see it happening. He stated he would commit to participating in the future and helping to continue it.

Manager Devonish-Hall stated there were two other citywide cleanups planned on Saturday, June 28 and Saturday, July 26. One in the East District and in the Central District. She stated they would be meeting at Central Park to decide which area to go to next.

Mayro Winston stated he enjoyed being out there and cleaning up Central Park and moving in

the right direction. He stated staff did a good job out there but there was so much traffic in some of those areas that an extra helping hand was needed. He stated he was happy to have that program they were putting in place and get the community involved which gave ownership. He thought they needed to have a discussion about the usage of the reservation areas, picnic areas and other places that people could reserve. He stated there needed to be a discussion on maintaining high standards there and the city could encourage people to do that. He stated he knew the city manager was watching the council meeting and Operations and Maintenance Director Hoag was in attendance. He stated people loved to use those areas for family barbecues; get together or reunions and needed to make sure the city was keeping those high standards in those locations. He thanked the council members and stated when Council Member McGarvey came in was, he was adamant about it and thanked him for his leadership on that. He stated the more they could get it out and the more partners they could bring in. He stated they had built up on it and if they could get to a point where they had area sites of 150-200 people going out there, would have a big impact on a day.

9A COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council McGarvey stated he would like to go last as he had four things in history related to Grandpa McGarvey. He read the following statements:

“This week, Monday April 28 was workers Memorial Day or International Workers Memorial Day. It takes place annually around the world on April 28, an internationally day of remembrance and action for workers killed, disabled, injured, or made unwell by their work. In 1989 the AFL/CIO declared April 28 Workers Memorial Day to honor the thousands of working people killed and injured on the job every year. April 28 is the anniversary of the date the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 went into effect and when OSHA was formed on April 28, 1971. The Workers Memorial Day is an opportunity to highlight the preventable nature of most workplace incidents and ill health and to promote campaigns and union organizations in the fight for improvement in work place safety. The slogan for the day is *Rember the dead – Fight for the living.*”

“Thursday, May 1 is May Day or International Workers Day, commemorates multiple instances of workers in the latter half of 19th century being killed while participating in General Strikes. What were the demands? Their demands were for an 8 hour work day. Every time you punch out after 8 hours, remember people died to make that possible.”

He stated those two came together in the next item. He stated going back to Tuesday April 29, 1945 was the day the concentration camps at Dachau was liberated. He stated his source was the holocaust encyclopedia. He read the following statement:

“On April 29, 1949, 80 years ago last Tuesday; American forces, liberated Dachau concentration camp. Dachau was established in March 1933 and it was the first regular concentration camp established in Germany by Adolf Hitler’ National Socialist Government.

Initially the internees were primarily German Communists, Social Democrats, trade unionists like him, and other political opponents of Hitler. Over time, other groups were also interned at Dachau, such as Jehovah’s Witnesses, Gypsies, gay men, as well as “asocials” and repeat criminal offenders.”

He stated he brought it up because people typically thought of the Jewish peoples plight during the holocaust.

He stated there were a lot of other people included as well.

“It wasn’t until November 1938, in the aftermath of Kristallnacht, almost 11,000 Jewish men were interned there. The camp area consisted of 32 barracks, including one for clergy imprisoned for opposing the Hitler and one reserved for medical experiments performed on prisoners. Dachau had 140 subcamps in southern Bavaria.

The prisoners were also used as forced laborers. Thousands of dehumanized prisoners there were worked to death. Thousands died in gas chambers at nearby camps and thousands were tortured or used in medical experiments; then left to die or executed.

In April 1945, there were 67,665 registered prisoners in Dachau and its subcamps. More than half of this number were in the main camp, which was 5 acres and 34 barracks 32,000 people, the Nazi’s would cram 1600 people into barracks designed to hold 250. Of these, 22,100 were Jewish people, twice that number, 43,350 opposed the Hitler administration and were categorized as political prisoners, with the remainder falling into various other categories.

On April 29, 1945, the men of the 45th infantry division, one of which was my 33-year-old maternal grandfather, John Melvin Johnson, who had a wife and 4 children who had a home in St. Anthony Village, MN, approached Dachau. At first, they were alarmed by the overwhelming and acrid smell surrounding the area, but once inside and for days after, they witnessed the horrors visited upon fellow human beings under the orders of a delusional tyrant. We must never forget this, and we must never let it happen again.”

He stated he was afraid this was where the previous two items came together. He stated he was not a sheet metal worker, the Sheet Metal Workers Union and the Painters Union, both belong to the National Building Trades Union, and his brother Kilmar Garcia, was being held in a concentration camp in El Salvador, CECOT prison as they spoke. He stated that was beginning to happen again.

He stated Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day was Thursday, May 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center.

9B CITY MANAGER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT - With consensus of the Council, Mayor Winston adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

HOLLIES WINSTON, MAYOR

DEVIN MONTERO, CITY CLERK