

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – AGENDA #27

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Our Vision: Brooklyn Park, a thriving community inspiring pride where opportunities exist for all.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

II. STATUTORY BUSINESS AND/OR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

3. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

- 3.1** Animal Control Facility Final Decision
 - A.** RESOLUTION
- 3.2** Request by Mayor Winston to Travel to Brooklyn Park Sister Cities in Liberia and Nigeria August 15-25, 2025
 - A.** ESTIMATED COSTS

III. ADJOURNMENT

Since we do not have time to discuss every point presented, it may seem that decisions are preconceived. However, background information is provided for the City Council on each agenda item in advance from city staff and appointed commissions, and decisions are based on this information and past experiences. If you are aware of information that has not been discussed, please raise your hand to be recognized. Please speak from the podium. Comments that are pertinent are appreciated. Items requiring excessive time may be continued to another meeting.

City of Brooklyn Park Request for Council Action

Agenda Item:	3.1	Meeting Date:	July 21, 2025
Agenda Section:	General Action Items	Originating Department:	Police
Resolution:	X	Prepared By:	Inspector Toni Weinbeck
Ordinance:	N/A		
Attachments:	1	Presented By:	Chief Mark Bruley
Item:	Animal Control Facility Final Decision		

City Manager's Proposed Action:

MOTION _____, SECOND _____, TO WAIVE THE READING AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-_____ TO APPROVE THE EXPANSION OF THE BROOKLYN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTH PRECINCT TO ACCOMMODATE AN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY AND WITHDRAW FROM THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MAPLE GROVE FOR PETS UNDER POLICE SECURITY

Overview:

The Brooklyn Park Police Department is seeking to move its animal control management within the City of Brooklyn Park. City Council is being asked to vote on the expansion of the Brooklyn Park Police Department's North Precinct to accommodate an animal control facility, as well as to authorize the city's withdrawal from the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Maple Grove for animal control.

The background for this vote is that the current animal control facility in Maple Grove requires expansion to accommodate the needs of the partner agencies. This expansion would be paid for by all participating cities based upon their current usage. The total estimated contribution from Brooklyn Park for this expansion would be over \$3.2 million. Annual operating expense contributions would also double.

Per Council's direction, the Police Department explored the options for establishing an animal control facility in Brooklyn Park. These options were presented to Council at two prior meetings. Of the various facility options presented, the expansion of the current North Precinct structure was identified as the best available. Council is being asked to vote on whether to move forward with this expansion option.

Additionally, Brooklyn Park is currently in a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Maple Grove for Pets Under Police Security (PUPS). Under this agreement, the member cities utilize and share financial responsibility for the PUPS animal control facility in Maple Grove. By establishing a facility within Brooklyn Park city limits, the agreement will no longer be needed to meet the city's animal control needs. We are seeking Council's approval to withdraw from this agreement.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider:

By moving animal control and management entirely within the City of Brooklyn Park, we anticipate additional staffing needs. To address these needs, the Police Department will analyze and restructure the cadet program.

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

The cost of the expansion of the North Precinct is estimated at \$4.9 to \$6.3 million.

Attachments:

3.1A RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION #2025-

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EXPANSION OF THE BROOKLYN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
NORTH PRECINCT TO ACCOMMODATE AN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY AND WITHDRAW FROM THE
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF MAPLE GROVE FOR PETS UNDER POLICE
SECURITY

WHEREAS, the current animal control facility in the City of Maple Grove requires expansion to accommodate the needs of partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, Brooklyn Park's contribution to such an expansion is estimated to be over \$3.2 million; and

WHEREAS, City Council directed the Police Department to explore the options for establishing an animal control facility in Brooklyn Park; and

WHEREAS, of the options presented, expansion of the Police Department's North Precinct was identified as the best available; and

WHEREAS, with the establishment of an animal control facility within Brooklyn Park, the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Maple Grove for Pets Under Police Security (PUPS) will no longer be needed to meet the city's animal control needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Park to approve the expansion of the Brooklyn Park Police Department North Precinct to accommodate an animal control facility and withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Maple Grove for Pets Under Police Security.

City of Brooklyn Park Request for Council Action

Agenda Item:	3.2	Meeting Date:	July 21, 2025
Agenda Section:	General Action Items	Originating Department:	Administration
Resolution:	N/A	Prepared By:	Jay Stroebel, City Manager
Ordinance:	N/A		
Attachments:	N/A	Presented By:	Jay Stroebel, City Manager
Item:	Request by Mayor Winston to Travel to Brooklyn Park Sister Cities in Liberia and Nigeria August 17-25, 2025		

City Manager's Proposed Action:

MOTION _____, SECOND _____, TO APPROVE MAYOR WINSTON TO TRAVEL TO VISIT BROOKLYN PARK SISTER CITIES IN LIBERIA AND NIGERIA FROM AUGUST 17-25, 2025.

Overview:

At the request of the City Council, this item is continued from the July 14, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Brooklyn Park currently has three sister city relationships, Kakata, Liberia, Udu (Delta State), Nigeria, and Banjul, The Gambia. Over the years, Brooklyn Park has received delegations of officials, including mayors, vice-presidents, police chiefs, and other dignitaries from our sister cities and partner organizations. Representatives from our sister cities have regularly requested reciprocal visits to our African sister cities. As part of the 2025 budget, the City Council allocated \$30,000 for expenses related to our Sister City program.

Mayor Winston is planning to visit Nigeria August 13-25, 2025. Round trip flights from USA to Nigeria will be at his own expense.

Mayor Winston is requesting to travel to the Brooklyn Park Sister Cities and partner governments in Liberia and Nigeria from August 17-25, 2025. City Manager Stroebel would accompany Mayor Winston on this trip. This sister city trip will have business and cultural significance, helping to create a collaborative connection between Brooklyn Park, Africa and specifically with our Sister City communities. The State of Minnesota is providing materials and technical assistance in support of this trip.

Approximate costs as of July 9, 2025 for Mayor Winston and City Manager Stroebel: Please see attachment 3.2A.

These are approximate costs and will change as planning continues. Staff will communicate costs to Council as we receive updated information.

Primary Issues/Alternatives to Consider: N/A

Budgetary/Fiscal Issues:

City Travel Policy for Elected Official Travel (Out-of-State Travel):

The Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem and three Council Members (alternating) have the opportunity to travel out-of-state (domestically) one time annually, pending Council's approval. This approach would allow for the Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem to travel up to four times per term and Council Members to travel two times per term. If necessary, and if approved by Council, additional out-of-state travel could be approved for the

Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem or Council Members using unused Council travel budget resources or other funding resources (e.g. EDA, Administration budget, etc.) Expenses for out-of-state travel are encouraged to not exceed \$2500.

Attachments:

3.2A ESTIMATED TRAVEL COSTS

Potential Costs (High-Range)

- \$1,166 (intra-continental air);
- \$1,600 (hotels for 8 nights at \$200 per night, 8/17 to 8/25);
- \$1,200 per diem (6 days at \$145 and 3 days at \$110);
- \$450 supplemental Council pay with Council approval (9 days at \$50).
- Potential total up to \$4,416 for Mayor Winston
- If City Manager were to participate, total additional cost would be \$4,913 for 8 days and 7 nights.