



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS THE CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

Pursuant to notice thereof, a hybrid meeting of the New Brighton City Council was held Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the New Brighton Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas, Councilmembers Abdulle, Allen, and Axberg
Absent: Councilmember Dunsworth

Also Present: Devin Massopust-City Manager, Sarah Sonsalla-City Attorney, Craig Schlichting-Director of Community Assets and Development, Dustin Lind, Engineering Supervisor, Tony Paetznick-Public Safety Director

Call to Order

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas called the hybrid meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment Forum

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas opened the Public Forum for comments from the public.

Bethany, 921 23rd Avenue, stated she would like to know where and how she pays her assessment.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas commented this information would be addressed during the Public Hearing.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the April 12, 2022 Council Agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Abdulle to approve the agenda as submitted.

A roll call vote was taken.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Special Order of Business

None.

Consent Agenda

1. Consider Approval of Payments.
2. Approve City Council Minutes:
 - a. March 22, 2022 Worksession Meeting Minutes.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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Special Order of Business

Consent Agenda

1. Consider Approval of Payments.
2. Approve City Council Minutes:
 - a. March 22, 2022 Worksession.
 - b. April 5, 2022 Worksession.

- b. April 5, 2022 Worksession Meeting Minutes.
3. Accept Receipt of Commission Minutes:
 - a. March 2, 2022 Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission Minutes.
 - b. February 14, 2022 Public Safety Commission Minutes.
 - c. January 20, 2022 Equity Commission Minutes.
4. Consider Issuance of a Tobacco License for Genie Vision.
5. Consider Quote and Award City Project 22-2, 2022 Reclamite Maintenance Project.
6. Consider Final Payment, Partial Payment 4 for City Project 20-4, Street Lighting Improvements.
7. Consider Request for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License – New Brighton Eagles Auxiliary #3718.
8. Consideration of Approval to Apply for and Accept a Department of Labor and Industry Workplace Safety Grant.
9. Approve Resolution Recognizing May 2022 as “No Mow May” in New Brighton.
10. Consideration of Resolution to Enter into a New Master Partnership Contract between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the City of New Brighton.
11. Consider Approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission.

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9. Approve Resolution Recognizing May 2022 as “No Mow May” in New Brighton.
10. Consider Res. to Enter into a New Master Partnership Contract between the MNDOT and the City of New Brighton.
11. Consider Approval of the Chair and Vice Chair of PREC.

Motion by Councilmember Abdulle, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A roll call vote was taken.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

Public Hearing

1. Consider Resolution Ordering Project 22-1, 2022 Street Rehabilitation Project.

City Manager Massopust indicated Engineering Supervisor Dustin Lind and Community Assets and Development Schlichting would be presenting this item to the Council. Engineering Supervisor Lind reviewed the streets that were included in the 2022 Street Rehabilitation Project. He commented on the work that would be completed within the project area and detailed the project schedule. He noted project plans and specs would be reviewed by the Council on April 26 and staff anticipated work on the project would begin early this summer. He reported notices for the public hearing were mailed to residents within the project area along with instructions on how to participate in this meeting.

Public Hearing

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He commented on the City's comprehensive street plan and reported streets were rehabilitated every 25 to 30 years. He explained 1.78 miles of streets would be completed in 2022 and the residential streets within the project area were last worked on somewhere between 1992 and 1996, while the commercial streets were last rehabilitated in 1971 with a mill and overlay in 1997. He described the water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer improvements that would be completed within the project area. He reviewed the estimated project costs for the residential and commercial lots noting the City would be paying 75% of the costs and the benefiting parties within the project area would be paying the remaining 25%. He described the payment options for property owners. Staff commented further on the proposed project and requested the Council hold a public hearing and order the project.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Abdulle to open the Public Hearing.

A roll call vote was taken.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:53 p.m.

Bruce Whitter, 1449 1st Avenue NW, explained he ran a retail business and he would like to maintain access to his business throughout the project.

Timothy Givens, 742 7th Avenue NW, asked why this project was not done in conjunction with Midtown Village.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked for additional comments, there were none.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Abdulle to close the Public Hearing.

A roll call vote was taken.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested staff provide a response to the questions that were raised during the Public Hearing.

Engineering Supervisor Lind explained staff would work with the business owner to maintain access to the property at 1449 1st Avenue. He anticipated 1st Avenue would be reclaimed which was a less intrusive process for the street improvement. Community Assets and Development Director Schlichting noted the only time access could be disrupted would be if a trench had to be dug in order to replace water or sewer lines. He then discussed how the City went about selecting streets each year for improvement, noting this was based on a comprehensive street plan.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Axberg to adopt a Resolution Ordering Project 22-1 for the 2022 Street Rehabilitation Project.

Councilmember Allen stated he was proud of the fact the City assumed 75% of the costs for street improvements. He noted other communities may pay 50% of the expense or less. He discussed the ways in which residents can pay off their assessments and noted there was no penalty for paying off an assessment early. He encouraged residents that were planning parties at their homes this summer to contact City staff to

make them aware of these events.

A roll call vote was taken.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested the Council now take action authorizing staff to prepare the projects plans and specifications.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Abdulle to authorize staff to prepare the projects plans and specifications.

A roll call vote was taken.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Council Business

1. Resolution Supporting Statewide Policies and Resources for Public Safety Mental and Physical Injury Education, Prevention and Treatment.

City Manager Massopust indicated Public Safety Director Paetznick would be presenting this item to the Council.

Public Safety Director Paetznick stated the League of Minnesota Cities is calling for action to address the impact of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) on public safety personnel in Minnesota. The League is supporting legislation that accomplishes PTSD prevention, treatment, and funding solutions advanced by member cities and adopted as a legislative policy priority by the League's Board of Directors. The League encourages cities to adopt a Resolution supporting current public safety duty disability legislation and voice their support to their legislators. He discussed the unique and inherent dangers public safety employees face every day both physical and mental. He reported duty disability applications filed by public safety professionals has more than doubled since 2019. He commented on how the department works to assist public safety employees with their mental health and wellness. Staff commented further on the proposed Public Safety Policy and requested the Council adopt a Resolution of Support.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested further information on how rates were being impacted at the League of Minnesota Cities. Public Safety Director Paetznick explained that because there has been an increase in the number of PTSD claims, rates were expected to rise and continue to rise going forward. He noted the majority of cities in the metro area were covered by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas commented on how unfunded mandates were impacting local cities and asked if this message was being heard by the State. Public Safety Director Paetznick reported the issue of officer disabilities and the need for departments to fully fund this expense has been included in the Public Safety Departments budget on a yearly basis. He stated it was nice to see some legislation being proposed to assist with this expense due to the growing concerns law enforcement officers were facing.

Councilmember Allen thanked staff for bring this this item before the Council noting this legislation would fit a hole in the current care system for law enforcement officers.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas thanked Public Safety Director Paetznick for his tremendous leadership on behalf of the community and for having a physically and mentally strong public safety team. She explained she appreciated the proactive model and care for officers that was being proposed.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Abdulle to adopt a Resolution Supporting Statewide Policies and Resources for Public Safety Mental and Physical Injury Education, Prevention, and Treatment.

Council Business

1 Resolution
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A roll call vote was taken.

3 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried (Councilmember Axberg was absent for the vote)

Commission Liaison Reports, Announcements and Updates

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Devin Massopust

City Manager Massopust reported mailings have been sent for the Community Survey. He encouraged residents that have been selected to complete the survey in order to provide the City with valuable feedback. He noted the deadline for the Community Survey was May 17. He stated Commissioner Orientation would be held on April 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Graeme Allen

Councilmember Allen reported the Public Safety Commission met on Monday, April 11 and elected a Chair and Vice Chair. In addition, this group received a presentation from DEI Coordinator Suggs, discussed the new officers that had been hired by the department and received an update from Allina Health.

Abdullahi Abdulle

Councilmember Abdulle reported the Planning Commission would be meeting next on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas


Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas congratulated the City team for receiving an award from the Minnesota Brownfield for their work on the Micron building. She stated she was grateful for the partnership the City had with Hillcrest Development on this project. She noted the license bureau had a great month in March and encouraged residents to take advantage of the great services provided at City Hall. She commented on the CPY luncheon and thanked all of the members of the community who attended their recent fundraiser. She noted a Rotary dinner fundraiser would be held on Friday, April 22 at the Mounds View Community Center. She explained the New Brighton Area Historical Society would be holding their annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. on April 28 at the New Brighton Community Center. She explained the League of Women Voters would be hosting a meet and greet with City Managers at the New Brighton Community Center on April 28 at 7:00 p.m. She encouraged residents to visit the farmers market on Wednesday, April 13 at the New Brighton Community Center from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She stated the Equity Commission would meet next on Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. Lastly, she wished everyone a blessed holy season.

Adjournment

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.


 Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Terri Spangrud, City Clerk