



## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS THE CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

Pursuant to notice thereof, a hybrid meeting of the New Brighton City Council was held Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the New Brighton Council Chambers.

**Present:** Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas, Councilmembers Abdulle (attending via Zoom), Allen (attending via Zoom), Axberg and Dunsworth (attending via Zoom)

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Devin Massopust-City Manager, Sarah Sonsalla-City Attorney, Gina Foschi-Finance Director, Ben Gozola-Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development

### Call to Order

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas called the 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.

### Approval of Agenda

Approval of the July 26, 2022 Council Agenda.

**Motion by Councilmember Axberg, seconded by Councilmember Dunsworth to approve the agenda as submitted.**

**A roll call vote was taken.**

**5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried**

### Special Order of Business

None.

### Consent Agenda

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2. Approve City Council Minutes:
  - a. July 12, 2022 Worksession Meeting Minutes.
  - b. July 12, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes.
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  - b. April 19, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes.
  - c. May 4, 2022 EDC Minutes.
  - d. May 19, 2022 Equity Commission Minutes.
4. Consider Final Payment, Partial Payment 4 for the City Project 20-6, Old Highway 8 Intersection Improvements.
  5. Consider Purchase of Site Amenities for Sunny Square Park.
  6. Consider Application for Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.
  7. Consider Request for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License – St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.
  8. Consider Professional Services Amendment 1 for City Project 21-9, Old Highway 8 Road Diet.
  9. Consider Cooperative Agreement with Ramsey County for Old Highway 8 Professional Services.
  10. Consider Programmatic Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with Rice Creek Watershed District.
  11. Resolution Authorizing Acquisition and Condemnation of Certain Property for Roadway Purposes for City Project 21-9, Old Highway 9 Road Diet.
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12. Consider Res. Accepting Bids and Award of Contract for City Project 21-11.

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

**A roll call vote was taken.**

**5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried**

### **Public Hearing**

None.

### **Council Business**

1. Consider Acceptance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022 Financial Report.

City Manager Massopust indicated Finance Director Foschi would be presenting this item to the Council. Finance Director Foschi reviewed the Second Quarter 2022 financials report with the Council in detail and recommended approval. She discussed the City's General Fund revenues and expenditures for the second

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quarter, as well as the balances within the City's utility funds. Cash flow projections for the remainder of the year were reviewed. Staff commented further on the financials and asked for comments or questions. Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked if the inspection fees with the City of St. Anthony were now complete. Finance Director Foschi reported this was the case noting the City was not taking on any new inspection services with St. Anthony.

Councilmember Axberg questioned if ARPA funds could be used for sewer infrastructure improvements. City Manager Massopust reported ARPA funding were not designated for sewer improvements at this time. Councilmember Axberg thanked staff for providing the Council with more detailed information on the Community Reinvestment Fund cash flow projections.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas inquired if the Midtown Village costs concluded this year. Finance Director Foschi reported this was the case.

Councilmember Abdulle requested further information regarding the unrealized gain/loss and asked if this was for one quarter. Finance Director Foschi stated this was a year to date loss.

Councilmember Abdulle questioned what the unrealized losses have been over the past two years. Finance Director Foschi explained she did not have these numbers in front of her but understood the number has decreased significantly because of the market. She reported an unrealized loss would not be recognized unless the City were to sell its assets prior to maturity. She indicated these losses would not be realized if the City sticks to its current financial plan.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested further information regarding the revenues coming from the license bureau. Finance Director Foschi discussed the revenues from the license bureau over the past two months noting these were the first two months that the license bureau has been bringing in revenues.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas questioned how the Council will see the affordable housing study and climate action plan funding in the future. City Manager Massopust stated the climate action plan and recommendations from that plan and its funding would be determined by the recommendations within the plan. He anticipated some sort of levy component would be tied to this. He commented further on the affordable housing study noting this project would be funded through excess TIF revenue and would have its own fund.

**Motion by Councilmember Abdulle, seconded by Councilmember Allen to accept the Second Quarter 2022 Financial Report.**

**A roll call vote was taken.**

**5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried**

### **Commission Liaison Reports, Announcements and Updates**

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#### **Devin Massopust**

City Manager Massopust reported National Night Out would be held on Tuesday, August 2. He encouraged all Councilmembers wishing to participate in National Night Out to be at the Public Safety Department by 5:15 p.m. He noted a handout has been created for the City Council to assist with engaging the public. He explained Ramsey County Attorney John Choi has released a public data interface with different dashboards that provide insight into crime and charges within Ramsey County. He encouraged the Council to review this information. He reminded the Council that they would be holding a 2023 budget worksession meeting on Wednesday, July 27 at the Community Center.

#### **Graeme Allen**

Councilmember Allen reported the Public Safety Commission would meet next on Monday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m.

**Emily Dunsworth**

Councilmember Dunsworth reported PREC would meet next on Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. and the group would be conducting a park tour. She stated registration began today for fall programming. She explained the executive director position for Nine North was reposted today.

**Pam Axberg**

Councilmember Axberg reported the EDC would meet next on Wednesday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. She encouraged residents to vote for the primary election and noted early voting was now taking place at the New Brighton Community Center. She stated the Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities was having its 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 which would be a free event open to the community. She noted this event would begin at 3:00 p.m. and this would be a family friendly event.

**Abdullahi Abdulle**

Councilmember Abdulle reported the Planning Commission would meet next on Tuesday, August 16.

**Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas**

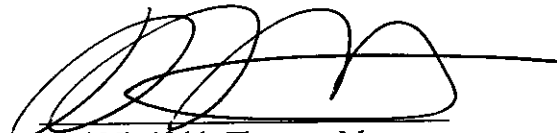
Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas reported there would be a taco fundraiser for the New Brighton Ambassadors at the New Brighton Eagles on Friday, July 29. She stated Stockyard Days would be held August 12 through August 14. She encouraged residents to look online and take advantage of the events being planned. She reminded the public that the primary would be held on August 9 and the general election would be held on November 8. She stated the Council would meet next on Tuesday, August 23 and the Equity Commission would meet next on Thursday, August 18. She indicated the League of Women Voters would be holding their summer social on Monday, August 15.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Terri Spangrud, City Clerk