



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS THE CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

Pursuant to notice thereof, a regular meeting of the New Brighton City Council was held Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the New Brighton Council Chambers.

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

Also Present: Devin Massopust-City Manager, Sarah Sonsalla-City Attorney (attending remotely), Tony Paetznick-Public Safety Director (attending remotely)

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. There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the February 14, 2023 Council Agenda.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Special Order of Business

1. Public Safety Annual Update

Public Safety Director Paetznick presented the Public Safety Annual Update to the City Council and stated he appreciated the opportunity to provide this information to the Council. He commented on the results of the 2022 resident survey noting crime and safety was the most frequently cited issue for residents when they named what they felt was the single most critical issue facing New Brighton. He discussed how important it was for residents to feel safe. The calls for service from 2022 were reviewed and it was noted there were 4,035 incidents with over half being medical in nature. The call category with the largest increase was for false alarms. He commented on how staff was working to address this concern. He further reviewed the numbers for Part 1 and Part 2 crimes for the past five years. He commented on how the City was in a better place when it came to property crimes and thefts. The number of motor vehicle pursuits and use of force incidents were discussed. He provided the Council with further information on the City's body worn camera policy. He encouraged residents to stay informed by visiting the New Brighton Public Safety Departments Facebook page and by reviewing the City's newsletter and website. Councilmember Dunsworth asked where the aggravated assaults were occurring in the community. Public

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Safety Director Paetznick reported the multitude of these events were occurring in the City's multifamily housing developments.

Councilmember Dunsworth questioned if the calls for suicide in progress, person in crisis or welfare checks were best for an officer to respond or could another agency or social worker respond. Public Safety Director Paetznick stated this would depend on the specific call. He reported with many of these calls, social workers would still need law enforcement to respond to ensure the site was safe.

Councilmember Allen discussed how more officers were responding to calls than in the past. Public Safety Director Paetznick commented on the calls for service in the community and discussed how certain calls require more officers to respond for the safety of all involved.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked if the uptick in home fires was due to more people working from home or the improper maintenance of homes. Public Safety Director Paetznick stated he was uncertain as to why the community was having more fires, but noted staff would be investigating this matter further.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas thanked Public Safety Director Paetznick for his presentation.

Consent Agenda

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2. Approve City Council Minutes:
 - a. January 24, 2023 Worksession Meeting Minutes.
 - b. January 24, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.
 - c. February 7, 2023 Worksession Meeting Minutes.
3. Accept Receipt of Commission Minutes:
 - a. December 12, 2022 Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - b. November 2, 2022 Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - c. November 15, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes.
 - d. December 7, 2022 Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - e. January 4, 2023 Parks, Recreation and Environmental Commission Minutes.
4. Approve 2023 contract for services with Northeast Youth and Family Services (NYFS).
5. Consider Resolution to Accept Donations from New Brighton Lions Club.
6. Consider Request for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License – Ducks Unlimited North Suburban Chapter 239.
7. Consider Transfer of On Sale Liquor License – Alicia's Latin Cuisine.
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11. Consider Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Hansen Park East and Tennis Court Reconstruction Project.
12. Consider Change Order 1 for City Project 21-11, Robin Lane Traffic Calming.
13. Consider Ramsey County Cooperative Agreement for Reconstruction of Old Highway 8.

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

Councilmember Allen stated Item 8 allows the City to accept 24 new AED's which were being donated from the Helmsley Trust. He thanked the Public Safety Department for pursuing this grant and thanked the Helmsley Trust for their generous donation to the City of New Brighton.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

Public Hearing

None.

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Council Business

None.

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Commission Liaison Reports, Announcements and Updates

Devin Massopust

City Manager Massopust reported Hue Schlieu began her work with the City of New Brighton as the new DEI Coordinator. He explained she would be attending her first Equity Commission meeting on Thursday, February 16. He stated the Council would begin holding Commission interviews at the end of this month. He noted the Climate Action Plan/Partners in Energy group would be meeting on Thursday, February 16. He commented on the items at the legislature that staff was tracking.

Commission Liaison Reports, Announcements and Updates

Graeme Allen

Councilmember Allen reported the Public Safety Commission met on Monday, February 13 where the group received a presentation on crime numbers.

Pam Axberg

Councilmember Axberg reported the EDC did not meet in February and would be meeting next on Wednesday, March 1.

Abdullahi Abdulle

Councilmember Abdulle reported the Planning Commission would be meeting next on Tuesday, February 21.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas

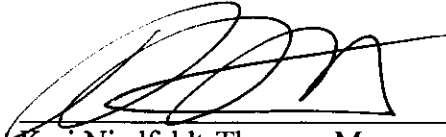
Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas reported she attended the regional council of mayor's meeting on Monday, February 13 where the group discussed equity. She noted she attended the climate action date at the capitol. She thanked all who were able to attend the community bonfire. She thanked Councilmember Dunsworth and City Manager Massopust for meeting with school district representatives. She explained the City Council would be meeting next on Tuesday, February 28. Lastly, she thanked the City team for all of their work on the mapping prejudice initiative.

Adjournment

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.


Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:


Terri Spangrud, City Clerk