



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS THE CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

Pursuant to notice thereof, a regular meeting of the New Brighton City Council was held Tuesday, March 28, 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, Gina Foschi-Finance Director, Craig Schlichting-Director of Community Assets and Development, Dustin Lind-Engineering Supervisor, Ben Gozola-Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development, Jennifer Fink-Parks and Recreation Director

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 March 28, 2023 Council Agenda.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Special Order of Business

1. Oaths of Office for Police Officers Michael Smith and Joseph Super.

Public Safety Director Paetznick introduced Officers Michael Smith and Officer Joseph Smith to the City Council. He explained Officers Smith and Super have both successfully completed their respective probationary first year of employment. He stated he was proud to have both of these officers as part of the New Brighton Public Safety Department Team.

City Manager Massopust administered the Oath of Office to Officer Smith and Officer Super. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

Officer Smith explained this was a dream come true for him and he looked forward to serving the City of New Brighton. He thanked his family for their continued support.

Officer Super thanked the City Council for their continued support of the New Brighton Public

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Safety Department. In addition, he stated he appreciated how much the community supported the Public Safety Department.

Councilmember Allen welcomed Officer Smith and Officer Super to the City of New Brighton. Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas thanked Officer Smith and Officer Super for choosing New Brighton. She encouraged these officers to work to build bridges in the relationships they pursue with the community.

2. Ending of Local Public Health Emergency.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas read a statement regarding meetings by telephone or other electronic means noting the local public health emergency has ended and therefore all City meetings would now be conducted in person.

3. Consider Resolution Recognizing Outgoing Commissioners.

- a. Certificate of Recognition for Robert Boyd.
- b. Appointing Mike Murlowski a City Ambassador.

City Manager Massopust explained Robert Boyd is leaving the Public Safety Commission after serving 3 terms and is eligible for a certificate recognizing him for his service. All other outgoing Commissioners are leaving after one full or partial term. After 4.5 terms serving on the EDC, Mike Murlowski sold his New Brighton business and left the Commission in summer of 2022. He is eligible for City Ambassadorship.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas read a Resolution in full for the record recognizing outgoing commissioners and thanked them for their years of dedicated service to the City of New Brighton. She then recognized Robert Boyd and Mike Murlowski for their many years of service.

Robert Boyd stated it has been an honor for him to serve the community on the Public Safety Commission. He believed New Brighton had a tremendous Public Safety Director. He explained he has appreciated how much he has learned over the years while serving the City. Mike Murlowski indicated this was very unexpected and humbling for him. He thanked the staff and City Council for recognizing his service to the community and for appointing him a City Ambassador. He commented on the history of his family in New Brighton noting his father started Bel Air Companies in 1953 and the first office in New Brighton opened in 1962. He noted he came into the business in 1974 and in 1992 he built another building in New Brighton. He stated while he no longer lives and works in New Brighton, this community will always be his home. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

Councilmember Allen thanked Mr. Boyd and Mr. Murlowski for their tremendous service to the community over the years.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas stated she appreciated all of the time Mr. Boyd and Mr. Murlowski dedicated to the City.

Motion by Councilmember Dunsworth, seconded by Councilmember Allen to adopt a Resolution recognizing the outgoing Commissioners.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

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2. Approve City Council Minutes:
 - a. March 14, 2023 Worksession Meeting Minutes.

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- b. March 14, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes.
- 3. Accept Receipt of Commission Minutes:
 - a. December 20, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - b. February 21, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - c. January 4, 2023 Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes.
- 4. Consider approval for Sports Field Sponsorship Policy.
- 5. Consider Approval of Application for Optional 2 AM Liquor License – Big Louie’s Bar and Grill.
- 6. Consider Resolution Authorizing Opioid Settlements Memorandum of Agreement.
- 7. Consider Request for Exemption from Lawful Gambling License – Community Partners with Youth.
- 8. Resolution Authorizing the City of New Brighton to Complete an LCCMR Grant Application for Funding of The Jones Lake Restoration Project.
- 9. Consider Second Amendment to Cooperative Agreement with Ramsey County at Lions Park for the Inclusion of Vehicle Charging Stations.
- 10. Consider a Resolution authorizing issuance of a Request For Proposals (RFP) seeking a new five year recycling contract with local providers.

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

Public Hearing

1. Consider Resolution Ordering Project and Authorizing Preparation of Plans and Specifications for City Project 23-1, 2023 Street Rehabilitation.

City Manager Massopust indicated Engineering Supervisor Lind and Director of Community Assets and Development Schlichting would be presenting this item to the Council.

Engineering Supervisor Lind stated the purpose of this item is to hold the Public Improvement Hearing for proposed Project 23-1, 2023 Street Rehabilitation. Staff provided the Council with a presentation on the Feasibility Study. He commented on the costs for the project, along with the projected assessment rates. It was noted if the Council approves the project at the Public Improvement Hearing, staff will prepare plans and specifications based on input received at the improvement hearing and previously collected information.

Director of Community Assets and Development Schlichting commented further on the 2023 Street project and recommended the Council order the project.

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

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c. January 4, 2023 EDC.

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5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m.

Paul, 1227 12th Avenue NW, commented on the amount he was being assessed and stated he did not believe the assessments were adding up. He explained he was concerned with how long he would not be able to access his driveway. He asked that the man holes be properly leveled when this project is completed. Pat Erickson, 15th Street NW, questioned where residents would park when the roads were being worked on.

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

Motion by Councilmember Dunsworth, seconded by Councilmember Allen to close the Public Hearing.**5 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried**

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Councilmember Allen asked how much the reclamation process saves the City during the street projects. Engineering Supervisor Lind stated he did not have a specific number, but noted this process saves the City from exporting materials. He commented further on how the reclaimed material was turned into Class 5 that can be used on the project or for other projects.

Councilmember Allen inquired if this project posed additional challenges because it was so close to the lake.

Director of Community Assets and Development Schlichting explained the benefit of using reclaimed material was the material could be driven on right away, which limited the impact on surrounding waterways. He noted clay soils were the concern around lakes or if there were rain storms during a street project.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested staff speak to the amount being assessed. Director of Community Assets and Development Schlichting reviewed the proposed assessments and noted the City does not assess for utility improvements, but rather only assesses for street improvements.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas questioned where residents would park during the street project. Engineering Supervisor Lind reported because the project would have reclaimed material residents would be able to drive on the roadways right away. His goal would be to provide homeowners with access throughout the day, unless a major activity was occurring directly in front of a driveway. He reported residents would not be required to park on Long Lake Road.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked if the City's living streets principles had been applied to this project.

Director of Community Assets and Development Schlichting reported the City would not be removing the curb and gutter for this project because these were low volume streets. He explained these streets would not be reduced in size, which was a principle within the living streets program.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas inquired if the City would revision how maps are laid out in the future. Director of Community Assets and Development Schlichting reported Britney Court was adjacent to Poppyseed and those streets are concrete. He indicated those concrete streets have been around for 40+ years. He noted the concrete streets only need marginal repairs at this time. He discussed how decisions are made for street replacement due to utility repairs. He reported for the most part, the City tries to capture streets with a neighborhood approach.

Councilmember Allen questioned if residents were notified of the project timeline. Engineering Supervisor Lind reported the City would send a notice to all residents within the project area and noted residents could opt in if they would like to receive weekly emails regarding the project.

Councilmember Abdulle commended the City for pursuing reclamation within this project. He questioned what environmental benefits would be seen through this process. Director of Community Assets and

Development Schlichting stated the main process for the reclaimed material was that it could be driven on right away. He noted five inches of material would still have to be moved offsite. He reported the reclaimed material strengthens the base or gravel below the roadway. He commented further on the positive stormwater impacts that were achieved by reclaiming the asphalt material.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Abdulle to adopt the resolution ordering Project 23-1, 2023 Street Rehabilitation as proposed in the Feasibility Study, authorize staff to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications, and designate the Director of Community Assets and Development as the engineer for this improvement project.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Council Business

1. Consider Resolution Accepting Bids and Award of Contract for Hansen Park East and Tennis Court Reconstruction.

City Manager Massopust indicated Parks and Recreation Director Fink would be presenting this item to the Council.

Parks and Recreation Director Fink stated staff received seven bids for the Hansen Park East and Tennis Court Reconstruction project. It was noted a bid tabulation has been completed and all bid totals were verified. The low bid of \$2,898,434.32 submitted by Swan Companies, Inc. is six percent above the engineer's estimate of \$2,730,868.40. The low bidder has previously completed park work as Quiring Excavating prior to merging with Swan Companies. WSB has previous experiences with them as Quiring Excavating and believes that they are qualified and capable of performing work of this kind and magnitude. Staff commented further on the project and recommended the Council award of the contract.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked if the City has worked with the Swan Company in the past. Parks and Recreation Director Fink reported this company has not worked in New Brighton before, but noted WSB has experience with this company. Candace Amberg, WSB, explained this company merged with a company she was familiar with and she has had good results with them in the past.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested further information regarding excavation/embankment and sewer piping work that would be done. Ms. Amberg commented on the stormwater portion of the bid in further detail noting this was a very difficult site to work with. She reported soil borings were taken and the area has a great deal of peat. She estimated the excavation/embankment work would cost \$200,000 and the sewer piping would cost an additional \$200,000. She explained additional soil correction work may be needed once the site was excavated.

Councilmember Abdulle questioned how the ballfields will be used. Parks and Recreation Director Fink described how the park would have two baseball fields, noting one could also be used for soccer.

Councilmember Allen stated he was proud of the fact this park had one of the first disc golf courses in the metro area. Parks and Recreation Director Fink reported the disc golf course in Hansen Park was very unique.

Motion by Councilmember Abdulle, seconded by Councilmember Axberg to accept the bids and award a contract for the amount of \$2,903,184.32 with Swan Companies to include the base bid of \$2,898,434.32 and adding alternate #4 bid of \$4,750 for additional over-excavation of poor soils to be used as needed during construction, along with a 10% contingency for an authorized total of \$3,193,502.75.

Council Business

1. Consider Resolution Accepting Bids and Award of Contract for Hansen Park East and Tennis Court Reconstruction.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

2. Consider Resolution approving a Planned Residential Development Amendment for Silver Oak Estates No. 2.

City Manager Massopust indicated Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development Gozola would be presenting this item to the Council.

Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development Gozola stated the Glodek family and the Silver Oak Estates No. 2 home owner's association are jointly seeking authorization to amend the Silver Oak Estates No. 2 Planned Residential Development (PRD) to add a lot line to the plat which would place the existing home at 3024 18th Street NW on its own independent lot. Staff commented further on the request and reported the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas stated she understood only the outline of the home was a separate property and the property was accessed by a separate driveway. Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development Gozola reported this was the case. He discussed how this property was extremely unique noting the home was on a separate lot than the garage.

Motion by Councilmember Axberg, seconded by Councilmember Abdulle to recommend approval of the Planned Residential Development Amendment based on the applicant's submittals and findings of fact.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

3. Consider an Appeal of Administrative Decision: Request from Dale Zoerb to contest staff's determination that private security cameras installed on a public street sign within the right-of-way is prohibited.

City Manager Massopust indicated Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development Gozola would be presenting this item to the Council.

Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development Gozola stated the City Council entrusts its staff to interpret and enforce the rules it adopts. Should a resident ever believe that staff has overstepped their authority or is misinterpreting code, their recourse is to file an "appeal of administrative decision" which is then put before Council for review and a decision. The appellant is challenging staff's interpretation of code that would prohibit the installation of private security cameras on a public street sign within the right-of-way. Staff explained on December 8th, 2022, the City of New Brighton received numerous reports and complaints regarding an installation of security cameras on the street sign at the intersection of Wexford Heights Lane and Wexford Heights Circle. The claims were investigated and confirmed, and the resident at that corner (Dale Zoerb at 2621 Wexford Heights Lane) acknowledged responsibility for the installation. The City requested that Mr. Zoerb remove the cameras because they are within the public right-of-way and on a City street sign, which is in violation of the City Code. Mr. Zoerb refused to remove the cameras. After additional back and forth with City staff failed to bring the matter to resolution, Mr. Zoerb elected to submit a formal application to appeal staff's interpretation of Code relating to his cameras. Council is asked to review staff's position regarding Code alongside Mr. Zoerb's interpretation of Code, and make a final decision on which party is correct. The interpretation endorsed by Council will dictate how Code is enforced moving forward until/unless Council approves an amendment to Code. Staff commented further on the situation and requested direction from the Council on how to proceed.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked that Mr. Zoerb come forward to address the Council.

Dale Zoerb, 2621 Wexford Heights Land, provided the Council with a handout. He reported

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crime was increasing around him. He noted crime was up 11% since 2019. He indicated there was a gun event on County Road E and at Cub Foods. He explained criminals were casing his neighborhood and were looking for opportunities. He stated he had a full Callaway golf bag and tool set stolen from his garage, when his garage door was left open. He understood New Brighton had a wonderful police department, they can't be everywhere at all times. He discussed how security cameras were able to catch everything. He stated he owns a construction company and he has had four trailers broken into on the jobsites and one vehicle stolen. He shared a three minute video from the security cameras on his house of a recent carjacking in his neighborhood. He indicated the cameras on his home were good, but he needed another camera that would provide a view of the street so he could catch license plate numbers. This led him to install a 4K camera on the street sign pole. He did not believe the City had any liability issues with the camera being installed on the pole. He was of the opinion the neighborhood needed more security given the crime events that have occurred.

Councilmember Dunsworth asked if prevention was the objective, why not make the cameras more obvious. Mr. Zoerb commented this was a nice recommendation and noted he could paint them bright orange.

Councilmember Dunsworth stated she was trying to understand the intent, because the cameras were hidden at this time. She explained if Mr. Zoerb was trying to send a signal to criminal's she was trying to understand why the cameras were not more obvious. She believed it would be better for Mr. Zoerb to follow the City's recommendation to have the cameras posted on private property. Mr. Zoerb indicated he could paint the cameras to make them more obvious. He did not believe there was a reason to remount them somewhere else. He indicated the cameras were not hidden. He noted he turned over all of the footage from the carjacking to the police department.

Councilmember Dunsworth asked why the cameras could not be moved somewhere else. Mr. Zoerb suggested cameras be installed on all mailboxes for safety purposes. However, he understood this was not allowed because mailboxes were within the right of way.

Councilmember Dunsworth stated residents that would like to have cameras on their mailboxes should be required to get a permit. Mr. Zoerb asked the Council for a permit to allow his security camera to remain in place.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested further information regarding right of ways. Assistant Director of Community Assets and Development Gozola explained right of ways provide land for public good such as storm water management, utilities, roadways, snow storage, and mailboxes. He reported property lines are set back from curbs, typically about 10 feet.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas commented on the process the City followed for its drone policy and how cameras are used by the police department. City Manager Massopust explained the State of Minnesota requires the City to follow certain processes for drones and cameras because they infringe on privacy.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas inquired if anyone currently rented right of way. City Manager Massopust reported there was not renting of City right of way.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas thanked Mr. Zoerb for being in attendance. She stated Mr. Zoerb's concerns around public safety were match by the City Council. She noted the Council has made significant investments in the public safety team as well as monitoring the data. She noted the City has had improvements in its crime statistics in the last year. She asked if Mr. Zoerb had considered using his own post for the camera on private property instead of putting the camera on a City street sign. Mr. Zoerb explained the City street sign was one foot into the right of way and was very close to the property line. He did not believe it was practical to put another post in his yard. He explained his camera does not see anything that somebody standing on the street corner would not see. He noted the cameras are not pointed into someone's home, but rather are pointed right down the street.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas indicated the reality of the camera and what is perceived could be very different. She questioned how the camera was powered. Mr. Zoerb reported the camera

was powered through a low voltage ethernet cable.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas explained she had a number of concerns with the fact it would appear the City was monitoring this intersection. Mr. Zoerb indicated he received an email from Nick Kriz stating there were concerns from the neighbors that the City was monitoring the neighborhood. Mr. Zoerb reported Nick Kriz sent an email to everyone in the neighborhood stating the camera was privately installed and not City owned.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas anticipated not every neighbor was aware of the fact this camera was privately owned. She discussed how a precedent could be set if this camera were allowed to remain in place on City right of way. She questioned what would happen if hate groups wanted to install signs on street signs after the City allowed Mr. Zoerb's camera to remain in place. Mr. Zoerb believed that worrying about precedent made for bad policy. He reiterated that he was concerned about community security, which was a risk the Council should be willing to take.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas explained it was important for her to consider precedent because she needed to consider what others may want to do.

Councilmember Allen explained staff's concerns regarding liability were warranted. He stated he had concerns with how allowing residents to install items on City street signs may create liability issues for the City in the future. He questioned what would happen if the City's snow plow were to damage the street pole and camera. He inquired if Mr. Zoerb would expect the City to replace the camera. Mr. Zoerb stated he would not expect the City to replace the camera. He noted he could get a certificate of insurance indemnifying the City.

Councilmember Allen believed there were real liability issues in place that the Council had to consider.

Councilmember Axberg questioned why there was a delayed response from Mr. Zoerb to the City. Mr. Zoerb explained he was out of town initially in Mexico.

Councilmember Abdulle asked if the convenience of installing the camera on the City sign was worth all this trouble. Mr. Zoerb stated the cameras were already professionally installed and he did not see any reason to redo this. He recommended the City support his efforts to improve security in the neighborhood.

Councilmember Abdulle reported the City had professionals that surveyed the neighborhood and the entire City's safety and well-being. He understood Mr. Zoerb had the right to do what he wanted on his own private land, but on public right of way, Mr. Zoerb did not have the right to install electronic surveillance equipment. He stated this matter has taken a great deal of staff time and energy and he did not believe the camera was worth all this trouble. Mr. Zoerb explained the essence of the original letter was that the City did not have a permitting process to allow this. He understood there had been a lot of back and forth, but he requested the Council consider allowing him to have an ad hoc permit. He wished staff was focused on other things instead of trying to shut down this camera.

Councilmember Abdulle stated Mr. Zoerb may be okay with having private congress on City street signs, however he indicated there were legitimate concerns with what this would lead to.

Councilmember Dunsworth questioned if Mr. Zoerb consulted with the City prior to installing the cameras on the street sign. Mr. Zoerb reported he just installed the camera without speaking to the City.

Councilmember Allen asked if the City did not approve a permit, would Mr. Zoerb be removing the camera from the street sign. Mr. Zoerb indicated he would not be removing the camera. He stated his security and the neighbor's security was more important than the concerns of the Council.

Councilmember Allen questioned why Mr. Zoerb could not reinstall the sign on a post that was on his private property. Mr. Zoerb encouraged the Council to accept what was already in place. he noted he would not hold the City responsible for any damage or harm that may come from the camera.

Councilmember Allen reported there were rules in place that must be followed for the City. He

explained because this camera was on a City street sign, it appears the City is videotaping the public. He stated the Council has not had a conversation about this and the City was now in violation of surveying the public. He implored Mr. Zoerb to remove the camera and to reinstall the camera on a post on private property. Mr. Zoerb believed there were other ways to solve the problem.

Councilmember Allen discussed how the Public Safety Department was doing its part to address crime in the community. He noted the camera in place does not meet the rules and therefore had to be removed. Mr. Zoerb recommended the rules be changed and that a permit be approved to allow it.

Councilmember Dunsworth commented on the written statement from Mr. Zoerb stating he will not take the camera down and if the City were to remove it, this has to be done without any damage.

City Manager Massopust explained the City would do its best to remove the cameras without causing any damage, but because the cameras are on City property, if they were damaged, the City would not be at fault. He reported Mr. Zoerb altered the City sign in order to install the camera.

Mr. Zoerb reported the camera was not City property, but rather the camera was 100% under his care, custody and control. He understood the street sign belonged to the City.

Councilmember Dunsworth believed there was a liability issue with having the cameras on a City street sign. Mr. Zoerb stated he did not see this as a concern.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Dunsworth to direct staff to prepare a Resolution of denial.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Commission Liaison Reports, Announcements and Updates

Devin Massopust

City Manager Massopust reported the Tuesday, April 11 City Council and Worksession meeting has been canceled. He noted the Council would be holding a Joint Worksession with the EDC on Tuesday, April 4. He explained the City Council would meet next on Tuesday, April 25.

Graeme Allen

Councilmember Allen reported the Public Safety Commission would meet next on Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. He thanked all of the Commissioners that serve the community. He invited the public to attend the CPY Spring Luncheon on Tuesday, April 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church in New Brighton.

Emily Dunsworth

Councilmember Dunsworth reported PREC would not be meeting in April. She encouraged the public to consider attending Bunny Yoga, Tots and Tires, and the Egg Hunt Pool Party. She stated the Parks and Recreation Department was now hiring for its summer seasonal positions.

Abdullahi Abdulle

Councilmember Abdulle reported the Planning Commission met on Tuesday, March 21. He explained he was observing Ramadan and noted Ramadan began last week.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas

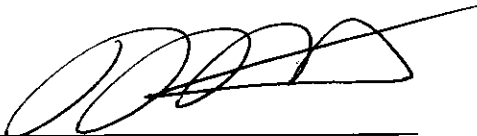
Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas reported she attended an iftar dinner with Councilmember Abdulle


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several weeks ago. She stated the City would be bringing an iftar dinner to the community on Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Brighton Community Center. She noted she and City Manager Massopust attended the North Metro Mayors day at the capitol. She indicated she spoke with state delegates about issues facing the City of New Brighton. She noted the Equity Commission met on Thursday, March 16 and discussed how to assist homeowners with discharging racial covenants. She explained the Mounds View School District would hosting a Partnering for Education Luncheon on Tuesday, April 25. She reported the Historical Society would be holding their annual meeting on Thursday, April 27 at the New Brighton Community Center at 6:00 p.m. She thanked the residents who had reached out to her for a Mayor Call.

Adjournment

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.


Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Terri Spangrud, City Clerk

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned
at 9:10 p.m.