



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS THE CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

Pursuant to notice thereof, a regular meeting of the New Brighton City Council was held Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the New Brighton Council Chambers.

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

Also Present: Devin Massopust-City Manager, Sarah Sonsalla-City Attorney (attending remotely), 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. There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the November 28, 2023 Council Agenda.

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

4 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

Special Order of Business

None.

Consent Agenda

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2. Consider Authorizing the Repair and Routine Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Bergeson-Caswell Incorporated
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6. Resolution Authorizing Application for a Climate Planning Grant
7. Consider Professional Service Amendments 2-4 for City Project 21-9, Old Highway 8 Road Diet

Councilmember Allen requested Item 5 be pulled for further discussion under Council Business.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Dunsworth to remove Item 5 from the Consent Agenda for discussion under Council Business.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

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

4 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

Public Hearing

1. Consider a resolution approving a Preliminary and Final Plat for the Lots on Leona Subdivision.

City Manager Massopust indicated staff learned new information regarding this preliminary and final plat. He reported this new information has led staff to recommend action on this item be tabled to the January 9, 2024 City Council meeting. He explained staff has discussed this matter with the applicant and they support the item be extended to January.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas asked if this item would be reviewed by the Planning Commission in December. City Manager Massopust reported this would occur.

Motion by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Dunsworth to postpone the public hearing to the January 9, 2024 City Council meeting.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays-Motion Carried

2. Conduct a Public Hearing to Solicit Public Comment on the 2024 Proposed Budget and 2024 Proposed Property Tax Levies.

City Manager Massopust reviewed the City Council's ongoing commitments which were considered when creating the 2024 budget.

Finance Director Foschi reported the City Manager's recommended 2024 General Fund budget is \$22,837,800, which represents a 9.13% increase over the 2023 adopted budget. The preliminary 2024 budget includes a proposed general tax levy of \$13,730,800 for taxes payable in 2024, which represents an increase of \$1,121,300 or 8.89%. The proposed levy increase was reviewed in comparison to neighboring cities and staff described how the median value homeowner would be impacted by the proposed levy. Staff provided a summary of the levy changes, commenting further on the proposed revenues and expenditures, and requested the

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Council hold a Public Hearing to solicit public comment.

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

4 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:55 p.m.

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

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

4 Ayes, 0 Nays - Motion Carried

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

Councilmember Allen thanked staff for the detailed presentation on the budget and tax levy. Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas requested comment on the City's benchmarking standards and asked if staff as given direction to remain on the low end. City Manager Massopust explained staff was not given any formal recommendations on where the City should fall amongst the comparable cities. Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas questioned if residents would be able to contest their property value. Finance Director Foschi explained residents wishing to contest their property value should contact Ramsey County. Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas thanked staff for their continued efforts on the budget and tax levy. Councilmember Allen requested staff provide the Council with further information regarding LGA and how its calculated for cities. City Manager Massopust stated he would provide this information to the Council in a future memo.

Council Business

1. Authorize staff to Issue a Massage Salon License to Balance Bodywork and Personal Service License to Kacie Larson.

Councilmember Allen explained he knows Kacie Larson and he would like to recuse himself from voting on this item.

Motion by Councilmember Dunsworth, seconded by Councilmember Abdulle to Authorize staff to Issue a Massage Salon License to Balance Bodywork and Personal Service License to Kacie Larson.

3 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain (Councilmember Allen) - Motion Carried

Commission Liaison Reports, Announcements and Updates

Devin Massopust

City Manager Massopust reported the Council would be meeting next on Thursday, December 7. He commented on the Brave the Brr event that would be held at the Brightwood Hills Golf Course during the month of January.

Graeme Allen

Councilmember Allen reported the Planning Commission had a lack of quorum for their

Council Business

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November meeting. He noted the Planning Commission would meet next on Tuesday, December 19.

Emily Dunsworth

Councilmember Dunsworth reported on Thanksgiving the Mayor, herself and Councilmember Axberg had the pleasure of serving meals at Union Gospel Mission.

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas

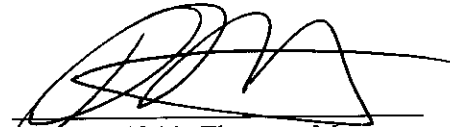
Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas congratulated the new Mounds View School Board members and stated she looked forward to partner with these individuals. She thanked the Public Safety Department for hosting a wonderful Public Safety Open House. She invited the public to visit Sunny Square Park and to participate in Gnomes-giving. She stated the winter market would be held at the New Brighton Community Center on Wednesday, December 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She noted a virtual Just Deeds event would be hosted by the Equity Commission on Tuesday, December 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. She explained the Equity Commission would be meeting next on Thursday, December 14. She indicated there would be a joint Commissions meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center where the Climate Action Plan will be discussed. She stated the League of Women Voters would be holding their winter social on Saturday, December 2. She invited the public to attend the CPY Gala on Friday, December 1.

Adjournment

Mayor Niedfeldt-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.



Kari Niedfeldt-Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Terri Spangrud, City Clerk