

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Samantha Beckman, Assistant to the City Manager

Council Meeting: June 24, 2025

Subject: Resolution 25-037: Brookings County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030

Presenter: Samantha Beckman, Assistant to the City Manager

Summary and Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of this resolution adopting the Brookings County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030 in order for Brookings County to maintain eligibility to receive disaster mitigation funds.

Item Details:

Brookings County received assistance in the preparation of the Brookings County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030 from representatives of the First District Association of Local Governments and received funding from the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The Brookings County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA in 2019. For the purposes of this plan, municipalities within Brookings County are considered participating units of government. Brookings County is required to update its Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan every five years in order to maintain eligibility for federal funding for disaster mitigation projects and other federal funding/programs.

First District and Brookings County representatives attended a Development Review Team meeting where City of Brookings and Brookings Municipal Utilities staff were involved in identifying areas of vulnerability within City limits, current hazard mitigation efforts, and compiling a critical infrastructure list.

Public meetings were held between January 2024 and January 2025 regarding the development of the plan. First District presented at the August 27, 2024 City Council meeting on the progress of the plan. A public hearing was held on December 30, 2024 by the Brookings County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Team to solicit public comment on the updated plan.

The updated plan has been approved by FEMA. Each municipality within Brookings County must approve the plan before it can be finalized. Staff recommends approval.

Legal Consideration:

None.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

- Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community – The City of Brookings will create an environment for inclusive programs, gathering places, and events where the community can safely live, work and come together to participate in opportunities for learning, recreation and enjoyment.
- Sustainability – The City of Brookings will meet environmental, community and economic desires and needs without compromising future generations' quality of life by strategically planning, implementing and maintaining infrastructure and facilities.

Financial Consideration:

None.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution

Brookings County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan 2024-2030 Final Draft