

BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL
March 17, 2026

The Brookings City Council held a Study Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM, at the Brookings City & County Government Center Chambers, with the following City Council members present: Mayor Oepke Niemeyer, Council Members Brianna Doran, Lisa Hager, Bonny Specker, and Nick Wendell. Absent: Council Members Wayne Avery and Tilton Byrne. City Manager Paul Briseno, City Attorney J. Vincent Jones, and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present.

Agenda. A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Doran, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 5 - Doran, Hager, Niemeyer, Specker, and Wendell; Absent: 2 - Avery, and Tilton Byrne.

Presentation: Conflict of Interest. City Attorney J. Vincent Jones presented training to the City Council and members of the Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission on Conflict of Interest, covering how to identify conflicts of interest and how to conduct oneself once a potential conflict has been identified.

Executive Session. A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Doran, to enter into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m., pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1), for discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. The term, employee, does not include any independent contractor. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Doran, to exit Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council member Specker, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:51 PM. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Foster, City Clerk