

**BROOKINGS CITY COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 15, 2024** (unapproved)

The Brookings City Council held a Study Session on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM, at the Brookings City & County Government Center Chambers, with the following City Council members present: Mayor Oepke Niemeyer, Council Members Wayne Avery, Brianna Doran, Andrew Rasmussen, Holly Tilton Byrne, and Nick Wendell. Absent: Council Member Bonny Specker. City Attorney Steve Britzman, and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present. Absent: City Manager Paul Briseno.

**Agenda.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Wendell, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Avery, Doran, Niemeyer, Rasmussen, Specker, Tilton Byrne, and Wendell.

**Presentation: “No Mow May” – Sustainability Council.** Robin Buterbaugh, Sustainability Council Member, recommended discontinuing the “No Mow May” program, and instead adopting the Bee City USA Resolution, which provides a framework for protecting pollinators through a variety of municipal and community practices and educational programs.

**Presentation: Economic Development Partners.** The City's Economic Development Partners provided presentations to City Council on advancing assigned areas within the Community Economic Development Master Plan. Economic Development Partners included: Tim Reed, Brookings Economic Development Corporation; Dwaine Chapel, Research Park at SDSU; Kelsey Doom, Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce; Laura Schoen Carbonneau, Visit Brookings; and Kirsten Gjesdal, Downtown Brookings.

**Adjourn.** A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council member Wendell, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:24 PM. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Foster, City Clerk