

## **RESOLUTION 26-008**

### **A RESOLUTION SELECTING PROPERTY AS THE SITE FOR THE FUTURE BROOKINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITY.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brookings, South Dakota, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Brookings has identified the need for a new Brookings Police Department facility to address space constraints, operational inefficiencies, and long-term public safety needs; and

WHEREAS, City staff conducted a comprehensive evaluation of 22 potential sites for the facility, including consideration of site size, infrastructure availability, access, risk avoidance, future expansion capacity, neighborhood impacts, and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the City held public engagement meetings and study sessions to receive community input and review additional analysis informed by feedback; and

WHEREAS, community input included concerns related to traffic congestion, neighborhood and park impacts, long-term growth needs, proximity to schools, and the operational function of a police facility, all of which were considered and incorporated into the site re-evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviewed the refined analysis and evaluation criteria at the January 20<sup>th</sup> Study Session; and

WHEREAS, the Dacotah Bank Center or Wiese property, located east of Interstate 29 and north or east of the Marketplace Development, is City-owned land which meets the required site criteria, supports future expansion, minimizes development risk, and provides meaningful cost savings to the City by avoiding land acquisition costs; and

WHEREAS, selection of the Dacotah Bank Center or Wiese property aligns with the City's goals related to fiscal responsibility, public safety, long-term sustainability, and efficient delivery of services.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brookings, South Dakota, as follows:

- A. That City Council formally selects the Dacotah Bank Center property, located east of Interstate 29 and east of the Marketplace Development, as the site for the future Brookings Police Department facility; or
- B. That City Council formally selects the Wiese property, located east of Interstate 29 and north of the Marketplace Development, as the site for the future Brookings Police Department facility

- C. That City staff are directed to proceed with planning, design, and related actions necessary to advance development of the Brookings Police Department facility on the property selected, consistent with Council direction and future approvals.

Passed and Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Bonnie Foster, City Clerk