

**Brookings City Council**  
**May 18, 2021 (unapproved)**

The Brookings City Council held a Study Session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM, at the Brookings City & County Government Center Chambers with the following City Council members present: Mayor Oepke Niemeyer; City Council Members Patty Bacon, Nick Wendell, Joey Collins, Leah Brink, and Holly Tilton Byrne. City Attorney Steve Britzman, City Manager Paul Briseno, and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present.

**Action to approve the agenda.** A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Brink, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Niemeyer, Brink, Bacon, Wendell, Tilton Byrne, and Collins.

**Update on Parks Master Plan.** Leon Younger and William Younger, Pros Consulting, Inc., presented a summary of key findings of the public engagement, level of service, and park assessment portions of the Parks Master Plan work to the City Council and public.

**Discussion on Medical Marijuana.** South Dakota Initiated Measure (IM) 26, Medical Marijuana Initiative was on the November 2020 ballot and approved by the voters of South Dakota. IM 26 allows a local government to regulate medical cannabis establishments through zoning and licensing. Jake Meshke, Assistant City Manager, Steve Britzman, City Attorney, and Mike Struck, Community Development Director, presented information, considerations, and draft ordinances related to the implementation of medicinal marijuana in Brookings to the City Council and public.

**Discussion with City Council Applicants.** Applicants Bradley Walker, Nate Holden, Julie Erickson, Brianna Doran, and Wayne Avery provided information and responded to questions from the City Council. The City Council is scheduled to vote on the appointment at the May 25, 2021 City Council meeting.

**Open Forum.** Zeno Wicks proposed the following idea for Bike Lanes through the City of Brookings utilizing the Bike Trail System: take 8th Street from the Veterans Memorial to AGR / Farmhouse, then take 12th Street from the railroad tracks to SDSU. Also recommends two 1-way streets: 10th Street and 11th Street. Wicks proposed this could resolve some of the lost parking along 12th Street.

**Executive Session.** A motion was made by Council Member Brink, seconded by Council Member Wendell, to enter into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1 for purposes of 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, with the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk present. Council Member Brink was absent.; and SDCL 1-25-2.3 for consulting with legal counsel or reviewing

communications from legal counsel about proposed or pending litigation or contractual matters, with the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Engineer Jackie Lanning, Assistant City Engineer Thad Drietz, Public Works Director DJ Buthe, and Lee Kaffar, HDR Engineering, present Council Member Brink was absent. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Bacon, seconded by Council Member Tilton Byrne, to exit Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**Adjourn.** A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Bacon, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS

ATTEST:

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Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

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Bonnie Foster, City Clerk