

**Brookings City Council
May 17, 2022**

The Brookings City Council held a Study Session on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 5:30 PM, at the Brookings City & County Government Center Chambers with the following City Council members present: Mayor Oepke Niemeyer, Council Members Nick Wendell, Joey Collins, Holly Tilton Byrne, Wayne Avery, Brianna Doran, and Bonny Specker. City Attorney Steve Britzman, and City Clerk Bonnie Foster were also present. City Manager Paul Briseno was absent.

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

Clothing / Fabric Sustainability. Albert Patin, Vice Chair of the Sustainability Council, presented a report to the City Council and members of the public on textile and clothing apparel sectors and how the industry and the current "take, make, dispose" model of production and consumption has reinforced negative environmental impacts which potentially place address stress on communities.

(Council Member Tilton Byrne arrived 5:38 p.m.)

2022 Capital Improvement Projects. Charlie Richter, City Engineer, presented to the City Council and members of the public the 2022 Capital Improvements Plan for the Engineering and Parks Departments. The City has a new GIS driven web page (storybook), which identifies the numerous capital projects throughout the City, and associated costs for those projects.

Special Assessments Policy. Charlie Richter, City Engineer, presented to the City Council and members of the public, the proposed special assessment policy which will address financial terms for all special assessments not addressed by state statute.

American Rescue Plan Act Funding. Jacob Meshke, Assistant City Manager, and Erick Rangel, Chief Financial Officer, presented to the City Council and members of the public, information on the City's \$4.4 million allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The City received the first deposit of \$2.2 million in September 2021 and will receive the second deposit in September 2022. Findings of surveys conducted by Baker Tilly and Polco provided a high-level overview of the key needs of the community as identified by targeted community stakeholders, business owners, and residents.

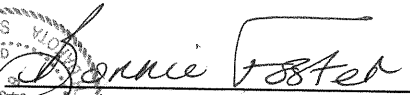
City Council Member Introduction of Topics for Future Discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Wendell, seconded by Council Member Collins, to consider a Resolution to suspend permitting fees for 180 days, for all repairs from the June 12th storm on the next council agenda. The motion carried by the following vote: Yes: 7 - Niemeyer, Wendell, Collins, Tilton Byrne, Avery, Doran, and Specker.

Adjourn. A motion was made by Council Member Tilton Byrne, seconded by Council Member Doran, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:28 p.m. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD


Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

