Council Study Session
City Hall Council Chambers
August 14, 2023

AGENDA

1. **City Council Discussion of Agenda Items and Questions - 6 p.m.**
2. **Miscellaneous**
3. **Discussion of Work Session Agenda Item as Time Permits**
4. **Adjourn**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall Council Chambers
August 14, 2023

AGENDA

1. Informal Open Forum with City Council - 6:45 p.m.

This is an opportunity for the public to address the City Council on items that are not on the agenda. It is limited to 15 minutes, it is not televised, and it may not be used to make personal attacks, air personality grievances, make political endorsements, or for political campaign purposes. Council Members will not enter into a dialogue with the presenter. Questions from the Council will be for clarification purposes only. It will not be used as a time for problem-solving or reacting to the comments made but, rather, for hearing the presenter for informational purposes only.

The first call will be for those that have notified the Clerk that they would like to speak during the open forum, and then ask if anyone connected to this meeting would like to speak. When called upon, please indicate your name and then proceed. Please be sure to state your name and address before speaking.

2. Invocation - Lawrence-Anderson - 7 p.m.

3. Call to Order Regular Business Meeting

Attendees please turn off cell phones and pages during the meeting. A copy of the full meeting packet is available in the binder at the entrance to the Council Chambers.

4. Roll Call

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

These items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There isn't a separate discussion for these items unless a Councilmember so requests, then it is moved to the end of the Council Consideration Items.

a. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the following meetings:

- *July 10 Study Session*
- *July 10 Regular Session*
- *July 24 Study Session*
- *July 24 Regular Session*

b. Approval of Licenses

- Motion to approve the licenses as presented.

7. Presentations/Proclamations/Recognitions/Donations

a. Alternative Response Model

Staff will be presenting to City Council an Alternative Response (ART) model in partnership with Hennepin County. The work session will cover

the current model being presented by Hennepin county, budget implications for the City and organizational structure of a Brooklyn Center Alternative Response Model.

b. Legislative Appreciation

- request the City Council approve a proclamation of appreciation for work successfully completed by Senator Susan Pha and Representative Samantha Vang on behalf of Brooklyn Center.

c. City-Wide Survey Results

- motion to accept the results of the City-Wide Survey.

8. Public Hearings

9. Planning Commission Items

10. Council Consideration Items

a. Resolution Supporting an Application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to Receive 4D(1) Classification for Certain Property in the City

- Motion to approve a resolution supporting an application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to receive 4d(1) classification for certain property in the city.

b. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19 of the Brooklyn Center City Code to Prohibit the Use of Cannabis and Hemp Products in Public Places (first reading)

- Motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the Brooklyn Center City Code to prohibit the use of cannabis and hemp in public places and schedule the second reading for August 28, 2023.

11. Council Report

12. Adjournment

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 8/14/2023

TO: City Council
FROM: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager
THROUGH: N/A
BY: Barb Suciu, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

Requested Council Action:

- Motion to approve the following meetings:

- *July 10 Study Session*
- *July 10 Regular Session*
- *July 24 Study Session*
- *July 24 Regular Session*

Background:

In accordance with Minnesota State Statute 15.17, the official records of all meetings must be documented and approved by the governing body.

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
7.10 Study	7/26/2023	Backup Material
7.10 Regular	8/10/2023	Backup Material
7.24 Study	8/9/2023	Backup Material
7.24 Regular	8/9/2023	Backup Material

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN CENTER IN THE COUNTY
OF HENNEPIN AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

STUDY SESSION
JULY 10, 2023
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

The Brooklyn Center City Council met in Study Session called to order by Mayor April Graves at 6:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor April Graves and Councilmembers Marquita Butler, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Dan Jerzak, and Teneshia Kragness. Also present were City Manager Reggie Edwards, Community Development Director Jesse Anderson, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Barb Suciu, and City Attorney Jason Hill.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson stated she had some questions about the ACER grant, referring to Regular Session Council Consideration Items 10b. Resolution Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) Transit-Oriented Development Funding and Authorizing an application for Grant Funds for African Career, Education and Resource (ACER) Innovation and Catalyst Center (ICC). She asked if ACER has the financial capacity to see the project through. City Manager Reggie Edwards stated Staff will include the details in the presentation.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson explained the Council received an email from Patty Koenig and the emailer would like it entered into the record. She added that a community member consistently emails her regarding the mental stability of the people living under the Highway 100 overpass. Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson asked what the city can do.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson pointed out that Liquor Store #2 was supposed to be a Work Session topic in March, but they have yet to discuss it. Also, the Council was supposed to see the results of the labor study, but it is not on the agenda. She asked for an update on the grant and purchasing policy.

Dr. Edwards stated that staff can look into options to support folks living under the overpass. The discussion about Liquor Store #2 has been postponed as it has been determined that the project

will not be built in 2023. As for the labor study, staff plans to present at the next Council meeting. Lastly, he explained he needed to check in with the Finance Director about the grant and purchasing policy.

Councilmember Jerzak pointed out that Mayor Graves did a great job stepping in during the Centennial Park incident. He suggested the Council hear a presentation summarizing the concerns with Centennial Park. Dr. Edwards stated staff is planning on presenting an update on parks and community interveners in the next two Council meetings.

Councilmember Jerzak thanked the staff for the summary of the produce store. He asked what City can do in the future to better support businesses in default. Mayor Graves noted the Community Development Department is hardworking but understaffed. There is a bit of a gap between cultural and zoning considerations. She asked if the staff has been in discussion with Brooklyn Park about their entrepreneurial marketplace.

Dr. Edwards confirmed that staff has been collaborating with Brooklyn Park consistently, but he would have to check on details related to the entrepreneurial marketplace. He agreed it is difficult for micro-businesses to succeed, but it is still a priority of the Community Development Department to support new and smaller businesses.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if the staff has looked into the restraints for certain businesses to be added near Walmart and if it would continue should the building be sold to a new party.

Mayor Graves stated that a school in North Minneapolis, Legacy of Dr. Josie R. Johnson Montessori, is looking for a new location. Multiple related parties have reached out to her in search of a new school. They are a school that prioritizes teachers of color to support students of color. The need for space for community events and youth programming is a repeated ask that Brooklyn Center has been unable to fulfill. She asked who owns the buildings near Restaurant Depot.

Dr. Edwards stated that staff can look into who owns the empty buildings near Restaurant Depot and inventory available spaces in the City. Community Development Director Jesse Anderson added the buildings near Restaurant Depot are currently in tax forfeiture.

DISCUSSION OF WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS AS TIME PERMITS

THC EDIBLES

City Attorney Jason Hill stated the presentation is solely regarding items that were eligible for sale in 2022. The Council placed a moratorium on the sale while awaiting more guidance from the State. Since the moratorium is ending, the City needs to decide on THC edibles. The City can allow the moratorium to lapse as there are some State regulations. March 1, 2025, the system adopted in 2023 will replace any 2022 systems. The City can create a licensing program, similar to what it does for tobacco.

Councilmember Butler asked what age of people can purchase THC edibles. Mr. Hill stated the minimum age is 21 years old.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if any community members or the Liquor Stores have inquired about THC edibles sales. Dr. Edwards stated the City is interested in THC sales through the Liquor Store.

Mayor Graves noted she has had a couple of interested parties contact her regarding THC sales. There has also been some community organizing efforts related to THC and marijuana.

Councilmember Jerzak stated the Council has the responsibility to support business opportunities in the City. It would be the safest option to create a licensing program as a guardrail before the State takes over the licensure in 2025.

Mr. Hill stated that staff can look into provisions in a THC edible licensing program that could transfer over after the more recent moratorium ends. It would save staff from having to redo the entire program next year. He recommended implementing similar language related to proximity requirements in the State's documents.

Mayor Graves asked what provisions would be helpful in the 18 months until the State licensure. She explained she wants the program to be accessible rather than a hindrance. She added she would not want to waste staff time on a program that will automatically expire. Mr. Hill stated the provisions could include location requirements. With those provisions in place, it can start a knowledge base for compliance checks and future State licensure.

Councilmember Kragness asked if a licensure program would be proactive ahead of the 2025 State licensing program. Mr. Hill confirmed that this is correct.

Mayor Graves asked how a temporary licensure program supports entrepreneurship and business owners.

Councilmember Jerzak agreed he wants to avoid a cumbersome process. He stated he trusts staff to provide a recommendation on how they would like to proceed.

It was the majority consensus of the City Council to direct staff to provide a recommendation on how to proceed with THC edibles.

PENDING LIST OF FUTURE WORK SESSIONS

- Memorial Policy
- Special Assessment Policy/Franchise Fees (referred to Financial Commission)
- Beautification and Public Art Commission
- Liquor Store 2
- Organizational Chart-Budget work sessions
- New and Repeat Type IV Rental License Review (referred to Housing Commission)

- Food Truck Ordinance/License
- Emerald Ash Borer Policy Review (referred to Park & Rec Commission November)
- Opioid Settlement
- ARPA Funds
- Police Labor Study
- Grants: Revenues & Expenses
- Purchasing Policy
- Commercial Vacant Building Fees
- Interveners Impact

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Graves closed the Study Session at 6:42 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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REGULAR SESSION
JULY 10, 2023
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. INFORMAL OPEN FORUM WITH CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER INFORMAL OPEN FORUM

The Brooklyn Center City Council met in Informal Open Forum called to order by Mayor April Graves at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor April Graves and Councilmembers Marquita Butler, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Dan Jerzak, and Teneshia Kragness. Also present were City Manager Reggie Edwards, Community Development Director Jesse Anderson, Commander Tony Gruenig, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Barb Suciu, and City Attorney Jason Hill.

Mayor April Graves opened the meeting for the purpose of an Informal Open Forum.

Diane S. stated Thursday, July 13, 2023, there will be another Farmer's Market with free ice cream through the Cone with a Cop program.

Julie B. noted that a City resident, Matt Branch, has been providing accurate information about what has been happening in the community and shows up at incidents to build relationships.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson received an email from Patty K. and read it into the record. It expressed concerns about sound amplification at Northport Park, as they are a violation of the City Code and a nuisance. The writer did not know if there was an event permit pulled, but she requested that staff contact the permit holder to address the issue. Patty K. added she and her neighbors are trying to avoid calling law enforcement.

Councilmember Jerzak noted he has received another, more recent email from Patty K. He read the email into the record. Patty K. stated law enforcement has been called and dispersed the group over the past several weekend evenings. Law enforcement said there was a permit for one evening for a graduation party. However, the permit was violated, and there should be repercussions such as a fine or no more permits issued to the individual. Also, there was an assault near Northport Park recently.

Dr. Edwards stated that the staff will follow up with Patty K. They have previously tried to reach out to her, but they have not been able to connect. Staff is also preparing a presentation related to the concerns for a future Council meeting.

Diane S. thanked the first responders who handled the fire at the Target building today.

Councilmember Jerzak noted another community member has reached out to him with similar concerns. The community member asked to remain anonymous, but the staff is still working to address the issues.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Kragness seconded to close the Informal Open Forum at 6:53 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Recess and Reconvene

At 6:53 p.m., Mayor Graves stated there would be a short recess. The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Graves noted there have been issues with the Zoom connectivity. The Council plans to switch from Zoom to WebEx in the near future.

2. INVOCATION

Councilmember Kragness read a poem by an unknown author, “I am me. I’m who I’m meant to be. I am my past, my present, and who I want to be. I’m not anyone, I am all three. I am a work in progress, a destiny. I am who I choose to be. I am me.”

3. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The Brooklyn Center City Council met in Regular Session called to order by Mayor April Graves at 7:02 p.m.

4. ROLL CALL

Mayor April Graves and Councilmembers Marquita Butler, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Dan Jerzak, and Teneshia Kragness. Also present were City Manager Reggie Edwards, Community Development Director Jesse Anderson, Commander Tony Gruenig, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Barb Suciu, and City Attorney Jason Hill.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Butler seconded to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda, and the following consent items were approved:

6a. LICENSES

MECHANICAL

Advanced Heating And Air Conditioning	10550 County Road 81 Maple Grove 55369
Air Mechanical	16411 Aberdeen Street NE Ham Lake 55304
Appliance Connections Inc	12850 Chestnut Boulevard Shakopee 55379
Genz-Ryan Plbg & Htg Co	2200 W Hwy 13 Burnsville 55337
Midwest Maintenance & Mech	750 Pennsylvania Avenue S Golden Valley 55426
Quality Heating & Air Services	12912 Ventura Court #21 Shakopee 55379
Residential Heating and Air, Inc.	7454 Washington Avenue Eden Prairie 55344
Sunburst Heating & A/C	1556 Oakways Wayzata 55391

RENTAL

INITIAL (TYPE IV – six-month license)	
7207 France Avenue N	P KIBAARA & J KIBAARA
INITIAL (TYPE II – two-year license)	
6135 Camden Avenue N	PRIME PARTNERS LLC
RENEWAL (TYPE IV – six-month license)	
1107 57th Avenue N	Alexander Irwin
5211 Xerxes Avenue N	BMW Holdings
3512 Woodbine Lane	Hpa Borrower 2018-1 Ms Llc

3813 61st Avenue N	Deluxe Properties Llc
5431 Logan Avenue N	Cosco Property 3 Llc
6908 Unity Avenue N	Sun Llc
7141 Newton Avenue N	Ih2 Property Illinois Lp
RENEWAL (TYPE III – one-year license)	
1200 67th Avenue N	T H Morrow & R J Morrow
5833 Pearson Drive	Kou M Farngalo
6724 France Avenue N	Jessica J Stoll
7230 Girard Avenue N	QZ FUNDING LLC
RENEWAL (TYPE II – two-year license)	
2802 Northway Drive	G B Homes Llc
4707 Eleanor Lane	Cosco Property 4 Llc
7024 Oliver Circle	Juliana Koe & Warren T Terry
RENEWAL (TYPE I – three-year license)	
5523 Lyndale Avenue N	Brett R Hildreth
SIGNHANGER	
Topline Advertising	11775 Justen Circle, #A Maple Grove 55369

6b. RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF DISEASED TREES AT CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN BROOKLYN CENTER, MINNESOTA

Motion passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/DONATIONS

7a. PRESENTATION ON CRIME STATISTICS DASHBOARD

Dr. Edwards introduced the item and invited Commander Garett Flesland and Commander Tony Gruenig.

Commander Gruenig explained the City worked with LOGIS to create the dashboard. He showed the dashboard and explained the various components. He noted the data is refreshed each morning, but more complex reports may not make it into the system the day of the event. Unfounded reports are not included in the dashboard.

Commander Gruenig pointed out the Police Department switched from UCR to NIBRS due to federal regulations. The data in the dashboard goes as far back as the switch to NIBRS for consistency in the data. There is a widget on the City website to access the dashboard.

Commander Gruenig stated the site is user-friendly and is intended to be self-explanatory with clicking on the item you want more information on. Users can search by neighborhood, crime type, date range, crime category, and more. The previous crime mapping system will continue to be accessible and will likely be taken down in the future.

Councilmember Butler asked if the crimes are defined in the dashboard. Commander Gruenig stated there aren't definitions, but the crimes can be googled easily.

Councilmember Kragness asked if the location is based on where the crime occurred or where the crime was reported from. Commander Gruenig stated the data points' location should be where the incident occurred.

Councilmember Kragness asked if there could be an option for a community member to add comments about a crime they know of. Commander Gruenig stated crimes can be reported through an online form, a phone call, or email. The locations on the map are not exact due to data privacy practices. However, a link could be added to the dashboard as a sort of tip line.

Mayor Graves asked what the difference is between the new system and the old. Commander Gruenig stated the new system is much more user-friendly and allows users to access more detailed information. Also, the system is updated daily instead of weekly.

Dr. Edwards added the dashboard is a pilot effort by LOGIS, and the system will likely evolve as LOGIS develops.

Councilmember Jerzak thanked the Police Department personnel for all of their work to support the dashboard.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Butler seconded to accept the demonstration of the Crime Statistic dashboard that will be added to the City's website.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8a. AN INTERIM ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STUDY AND IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION OF A CANNABIS BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF BROOKLYN CENTER

City Manager Reggie Edwards introduced the item and invited City Attorney Jason Hill to continue the Staff presentation.

City Attorney Jason Hill clarified the item is related to cannabis rather than THC edibles. At the June 12 City Council meeting, the Council heard a presentation and the first reading of an interim moratorium on the operation of a cannabis business within the City of Brooklyn Center. Staff will continue to study potential options in the space, though there likely won't be presentations on the item until the end of 2024. The State has said they won't be issuing licenses until 2025, so there is plenty of time to prepare.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Butler seconded to open the Public Hearing.

Motion passed unanimously.

Lori M. asked if the State does decide to turn over the licensing to cities, would the Council have the option to withdraw the moratorium? Mr. Hill confirmed the moratorium can be repealed at any time.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Mayor Graves seconded to close the Public Hearing.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Mayor Graves seconded to adopt an Interim Ordinance Authorizing a Study and Imposing a Moratorium on the Operation of a Cannabis Business within the City of Brooklyn Center.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

None.

10. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

10a. RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE NEED FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) AND PREDEVELOPMENT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR RESURRECTING FAITH WORLD MINISTRIES CONFERENCE/EVENT CENTER

Dr. Edwards introduced the item and invited Community Development Director Jesse Anderson to make the staff presentation.

Mr. Anderson explained that staff is seeking authorization to apply on behalf of Resurrecting Faith World Ministries (RFWM) for an LCDA grant and pre-development grant. RFWM's proposed project is located within the opportunity Site and RFWM will develop a Conference/Event Center, 24-hour Childcare/Early Learning Center, Therapy Wellness Office, and 10 Barber/Beautician Suites which will be about 27,000 square feet.

Mr. Anderson noted Livable Communities Act (LCA) grants are awarded to communities that participate in the Livable Communities Program in the seven-county metro region. Through different grant programs, LCA grants help communities achieve development goals that create more housing choices, support living wage job creation, and connect jobs, housing, and regional amenities to create a more equitable region.

Mr. Anderson stated there are a number of LCA programs. The Livable Communities Demonstration Account (LCDA) supports development and redevelopment projects that link housing, jobs, and services, and use community and regional infrastructure efficiently. LCDA - Transit Oriented Development (LCDA-TOD) grants are focused on high-density projects that contribute to a mix of uses in TOD-eligible areas. The Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) helps clean up contaminated land and buildings for subsequent development. These grants are intended to provide the greatest public benefit for the money spent, strengthen the local tax base, and create and preserve jobs and/or affordable housing. TBRA has three different funding opportunities: Contamination Cleanup, Site Investigation, and SEED. Pre-Development grants are for teams who are defining or redefining a project that will support Livable Communities goals. Eligible costs are for early-stage activities like design workshops, financial studies, project impact analyses, and community engagement.

Mr. Anderson stated there are some existing LCA grants in the City. New Generations, the veteran housing, was awarded pre-development grants in 2023 and has already been approved to apply for LCDA development funding. In 2022, PPL and Alatus were awarded $2,000,000 in LCDA-TOD funding and Altus and EMP received $1,500,000 in LCDA development funding. Also in 2022, CAPI was awarded $125,000 in pre-development, Global Holdings was awarded $100,000 in pre-development for the former Target site, and North 100 was awarded $863,400 in TBRA for the former Sears site.

Mr. Anderson noted RFWM is seeking $300,000 from the MET Council for LCA pre-development to pay for pre-construction architectural design costs. They are also seeking $4,000,000 from the MET Council for an LCDA grant to pay for commercial construction costs. To date, they have schematic drawings and are working with Alatus for finalization.

Councilmember Jerzak asked what happens if the applicant does not receive the funding and if there is an obligation on the City to assist in the payment. Mr. Anderson stated there isn’t an obligation, and RFWM is looking for alternative ways to fill the gap. The City would help RFWM

look for alternative funding sources if they didn't receive the LCDA and pre-development grants. The City can support up to three applications.

Councilmember Jerzak asked when the construction would begin. Mr. Anderson explained the applicant wants to start as soon as possible. Applications are due in August 2023 and awards would come toward the end of the year. The pre-development grant process will be completed sooner. Mr. Anderson added it is unlikely the City would receive any permit fees for the project in 2023.

Councilmember Kragness asked how realistic it is for RFWM to receive the $4 million. Mr. Anderson stated it is more likely for the applicant to receive closer to $1-2 million. However, it just depends on how many applications the program receives and how the projects score.

Mayor Graves thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation.

Councilmember Butler moved and Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson seconded to adopt the Resolution Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account and Pre-Development Grants and Authorizing an Application for Grant Funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

10b. RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE NEED FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNT (LCDA) TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR AFRICAN CAREER, EDUCATION AND RESOURCE (ACER) INNOVATION AND CATALYST CENTER (ICC)

Dr. Edwards introduced the item and invited Community Development Director Jesse Anderson to make the staff presentation.

Mr. Anderson explained the Innovation and Catalyst Center would be located near the former Target site. It is about 41,000 for both buildings with 18 total leasable units. ACER, in partnership with the Ignite Businesswomen Investment Group Cooperative (IBWIG) has formed the Brooklyn Village's LLC to purchase, own, and operate a retail mall. The site will house ACER's offices, existing tenants, and some 27 businesses from the IBWIG's membership. ACER will operate programs and services, including the Business Resources Center, which will provide onsite small business technical assistance, resources, and workforce programming, in partnership with COPAL and HIRED to tenants and the broader Brooklyn Center and Northwest Suburbs community.

Mr. Anderson showed a table with funding sources, the amount, its type, and its status. A majority of the funding has been committed. Their goal would be to cover just under $1,000,000 through the grant program to buy the building, and there is already a purchase agreement for the site. The grant is an LCDA-TOD, and there are no other competitors from Brooklyn Center looking for funding.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson asked how the project fits into the holistic business support the City is looking for. Mr. Anderson stated there are many opportunities for support from other community entities and businesses. In the long run, some of the sites would be more difficult to sell off, such as the strip mall, but it is already a challenge either way. The project meets a lot of goals from EMP discussions and Opportunity Site community engagement responses. The current infrastructure plan is just a guide. He added the City won't have any ownership of the site.

Councilmember Jerzak stated the City is on the hook through 2025 for parking lot maintenance. He asked if that has been discussed. He also asked how the project would impact the value of the former Target site because the City has put a lot of investment into that building. He then asked about the tax implications if a nonprofit were to operate the strip mall instead of a business.

Mr. Anderson stated there have been initial conversations about the maintenance agreements, and there is an opportunity to address the current covenants. As for the value of the Target site, there is still an option for redevelopment with a strip mall of offices. There is currently no development agreement in place for the Target site. As for the revenue question, Mr. Anderson stated he would have to look into the details.

Councilmember Jerzak asked what happened to the money allotted to redeveloping the Target site. Mr. Anderson explained the most recent request was for $50,000 in reimbursable expenses that went to the County. The City has received the funds and will redistribute them. There is an ongoing market study underway on the site.

Councilmember Butler noted the Council received a presentation about doing a sort of food hall on the site. She asked if there was a potential for that use. Mr. Anderson stated the development agreement for the International Food Hall has expired. They would prefer to redevelop the entire site, but it is too costly between the former Target site and the strip mall. The applicant considered the Wal-Mart building and the Slumberland building.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if ACER would be able to move forward with the project if they didn't receive the LCDA-TOD funding. Also, is there an obligation for the City to financially support the project if they do not receive the proper funding. Mr. Anderson stated they would likely still move forward with the project but with some debt. There is not a projecting closing date.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson moved and Councilmember Butler seconded to adopt the Resolution Identifying the Need for Livable Communities Demonstration Account Transit-Oriented Development Funding and Authorizing an Application for Grants Funds.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson reported on her attendance at the following and provided information on the following upcoming events:

- Noted Farm Fresh will be held in the CEAP parking lot on July 12, 2023. All are welcome to get free vegetables;
- Stated the Farmer's Market is July 13, 2023, and Cone with a Cop will be that afternoon; and
- Hmong Community Explore Your Parks will be at Centennial Park on July 16, 2023.

Mayor Graves reported on her attendance at the following and provided information on the following upcoming events:

- Recorded a Mayor minute;
- Attended Northwest Cities Mayors gathering;
- Attended the Regional Violent Crime meeting;
- Attended Orchard Lane community meeting;
- Participated in a Council retreat with staff and Councilmembers; and
- Noted she would be out of town for a few days the following week.

Councilmember Jerzak reported on his attendance at the following and provided information on the following upcoming events:

- Attended Orchard Lane community meeting;
- Participated in a Council retreat with staff and Councilmembers;
- Noted he will also be at Farm Fresh and Explore Your Parks; and
- Held office hours and met with several constituents.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Mayor Graves seconded the adjournment of the City Council meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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STUDY SESSION
JULY 24, 2023
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

The Brooklyn Center City Council met in Study Session called to order by Mayor April Graves at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor April Graves and Councilmembers Marquita Butler, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Dan Jerzak, and Teneshia Kragness. Also present were City Manager Reggie Edwards, Community Development Director Jesse Anderson, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Barb Suciu, and City Attorney Jason Hill.

CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS AND QUESTIONS

Recording started while they were already talking

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson stated there was an issue in the minutes where a comment made by Councilmember Butler was incorrectly attributed to Mayor Graves. She read the comment in question. Mayor Graves and Councilmember Butler stated the minutes were correct.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson noted the State of Minnesota came out with a more comprehensive tenant protection ordinance. She asked if the Housing Commission should review the new rules and alter the Brooklyn Center tenant protection ordinance to be in compliance with the State's updates.

Mayor Graves stated the Housing Commission can review the new rules, but the Brooklyn Center ordinance is likely more stringent. Councilmember Jerzak stated he would like the Housing Commission to review the Statute at least as a consideration.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson added the Council received an email from the Fire Chief about the broken Crest elevator. She asked for an update from the Fire Chief on the issue.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson noted she received another email from Patty K. about the parks again. She explained to the writer that the park's concern would be addressed at that

evening's Council meeting and encouraged her to watch the discussion.

Mayor Graves asked if the Fire Chief can give an update on the elevator, whether by email or the weekly update. City Manager Reggie Edwards confirmed he would confer with the Fire Chief to fulfill the request.

Dr. Edwards stated if Councilmembers are interested in ride-alongs, they should reach out to staff to coordinate it.

Dr. Edwards stated he received an email from the Equity and Human Resources Director Jim Langemo suggesting City Council start the process to review the City Manager's performance. They also have the results of the employee survey to share with the Council. He asked for availability from the Council for two separate meetings.

Councilmembers Lawrence-Anderson and Jerzak confirmed they were available at 5:00 p.m. before the next few Council meetings. Councilmember Butler stated she was available depending on the date.

Mayor Graves asked for each of the next two Council meetings to begin at 5:00 p.m. to review the topics.

Councilmembers Lawrence-Anderson, Jerzak, and Kragness stated they would like to participate in ride-alongs for Night to Unite. Councilmember Butler stated she would have to arrange childcare and then will email Dr. Edwards.

Mayor Graves stated she is undecided as she has received a few invitations for Night to Unite.

Dr. Edwards added that the Palm Grove Event Center, formerly Jammin Wings, is looking to host an event on August 12, 2023. There are some uncompleted permits and site plan issues that must be resolved. Also, they cannot get a liquor license until they get a food license from the County. The Council would need to approve the liquor license, but they don't have another meeting until August 14, 2023. He asked if the Council would be interested in a quick special meeting, should the other requirements be completed, to address the liquor license before August 12.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if the certificate of occupancy has been issued. Dr. Edwards stated it has not been issued. Councilmember Jerzak stated various entities must weigh in on the certificate of occupancy. He hesitates to set a precedent to circumvent normal processes. If the event permits, food license, certificate of occupancy, and all other items are in compliance, then he would be amenable to attending a special session due to the extraordinary circumstances.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson stated she cannot commit to a special meeting without a date.

Councilmember Kragness noted it is odd for an event to be advertised without the necessary licenses and permits in place. It places the burden on other parties to ensure the event happens.

City Clerk Barb Suciu pointed out that once the City approves a liquor license, it must also be approved by the State. The length of that process is out of Brooklyn Center's control.

Councilmember Jerzak added there needs to be a collaboration with law enforcement and fire, depending on the security requirements for the event. Those efforts cannot be done at the last minute.

Mayor Graves stated she is open to a special meeting, though it should not become a normal occurrence.

Mayor Graves pointed out there has been online chatter regarding a local home business. Some have mentioned the City is going after the business and a hearing on Thursday. She stated she doesn't know anything about the business or the hearing. Mayor Graves added she has received various emails about other issues such as commercial vehicles at a home address. She suggested there be community education about the rules for home businesses.

Dr. Edwards stated staff would put together a memo regarding the small business and distribute it to the Council.

Councilmember Jerzak explained he is well-versed in the ordinance, and that he has received similar emails. The staff does attempt to work with and support small businesses. When the new zoning was adopted, it was an extremely large document that couldn't possibly cover every circumstance. He suggested the ordinances be reviewed.

Councilmember Kragness stated she would be unavailable to attend the August 19, 2023 meeting.

Mayor Graves asked how many more Saturday meetings are scheduled. Dr. Edwards stated there is only one more Saturday meeting scheduled. It was planned this way to alleviate Monday meetings. Staff will ask for feedback from the Council after budget season.

DISCUSSION OF WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS AS TIME PERMITS

SCANNELL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REQUEST – FORMER SEARS PROPERTY

City Manager Reggie Edwards introduced the item and invited Community Development Director Jesse Anderson to continue the presentation.

Mr. Anderson explained the City received an application for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) assistance from Scannell Properties related to the former Sears Buildings located at 1297 Shingle Creek Crossing. Scannell Properties proposes to redevelop the site by demolishing the two existing buildings and rebuilding two class-A office/warehouse buildings totaling 230,000 square feet.

Mr. Anderson stated on August 8, 2022, the project received its land use approvals as outlined under Planning Commission Application No. 2022-004 and as approved by City Council under City Council Resolution No. 2022-76 with the intent to proceed. In addition, the City secured a Tax Base Revitalization Account (TBRA) grant from the Met Council in the amount of $863,400 to help cover the cost of asbestos abatement in the existing buildings. Since that time, however, cost and interest rate increases have made the project financially infeasible and unable to move forward. After discussions with City Staff about potential options, Scannell determined that a request for TIF may help the project proceed.

Mr. Anderson noted the development site will likely qualify as a Redevelopment TIF District with up to 26 years of potential TIF collections. Scannell's initial request was for up to $4 million in pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) TIF.

Jason Aarsvold, EDA Project Management with Ehlers, explained TIF is the ability to capture and use most of the increased local property tax revenues from new development within a defined geographic area for a defined period of time without the approval of the other taxing jurisdictions. He showed a graph with a visual example of TIF.

Mr. Aarsvold pointed out that proper use of TIF has a required finding that the development would not be possible but for the use of tax increment. This is primarily established through an analysis of the developer's pro forma. The increased market value must be greater than alternatives and the likelihood of similar developments in the foreseeable future without assistance is considered. Captured tax revenues would not exist if TIF was not used to assist the project, and an elected body must make this finding.

Mr. Aarsvold noted that based on an initial estimate by Ehlers, the project will likely only generate about $3 million in present value increment over the full 26-year duration of a new TIF district. Ehlers also reviewed the developer's pro forma for the project to determine what minimum level of assistance is necessary for financial feasibility. Based on this analysis, the project should be financially feasible with approximately $2 to $2.3 million in total assistance which is a projected 12 to 15 years of total payments. This level of assistance would help the project proceed without needing to tie up the tax base for 26 years.

Councilmember Kragness stated she is interested in the return on investments number. Developers want to see a return on cost is seven to eight percent. The projection shows that the level is reached at the 12 to 15 years mark. If the Council wishes to proceed, staff will begin working with the developer to draft a term sheet that will outline the specific amount and conditions for any TIF assistance. If the term sheet is approved, the process to create a new TIF district and draft a TIF assistance agreement would begin. The TIF District and TIF Assistance Agreement would both require formal approval by the City Council and the EDA.

Councilmember Kragness asked if the first 11 years would be operating at a deficit. \ Mr. Aarsvold stated it would not be a deficit, but it would be below market value.

Councilmember Jerzak noted the option seems like the lesser of two evils. He doesn't want to kill the project. A little over a year ago, there was no ask of the City. At that time, Councilmember Jerzak expected the developer to return with an ask. He asked if the project is going to proceed and if TIF is required to make it feasible. One year is a short amount of time to change so drastically.

Mr. Aarsvold stated the project wasn't proceeding, so the staff was proactive and reached out to the developer to determine what would be needed to get the project moving. The proposed TIF was the result of that conversation. TIF can be helpful to get a development unstuck. The current request of the Council is if they want staff to provide further analysis rather than a commitment to the TIF.

Councilmember Jerzak stated the site has been available since 2018, and something needs to be done. He asked what assurances are in place that the developer not ask for more and more money from the City. He doesn't want the project to die, but there needs to be careful analysis to protect the City and its future financial commitments.

Councilmember Kragness asked for information about the $3 million piece. Mr. Aarsvold explained the ask was for $4 million in TIF. However, Ehlers' estimates show the project would only generate about $3 million over the life of the district. The increment would have to pay back the $2 to $2.3 million on the loan. If the City were to provide a note of $3 million, it would take 26 years based on the annual revenues coming into the district. However, the recommendation by staff is to provide a TIF note of $2 to $2.3 million instead.

Councilmember Kragness asked if the development could survive with the $2 to $2.3 million note. Mr. Aarsvold stated the initial response is yes. However, there needs to be further analysis and discussion.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson asked if the County would do a proper assessment if the Council wishes to proceed. Mr. Aarsvold stated the request has been sent to the County, so the assessment is already underway. Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson stated she would be willing to proceed with the recommendation of staff.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if the proposed use is the best and highest use of the site or if there is potential for other developments. Mr. Anderson confirmed the proposed use is the best and highest use of the site that has been made.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if the pollution issues and the like has been reviewed. Mr. Anderson stated the building cannot be demolished until there is a blight study. If there was a blight study, a TIF district would have to be started within three years.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if staff could develop a side-by-side comparison showing the benefits and drawbacks for the City and its residents. Mr. Anderson confirmed the additional

research for the project would show the benefits and drawbacks. Councilmember Jerzak stated options are more palatable for the Council.

Mayor Graves noted her agreement with Councilmember Jerzak. There is room to think outside of the box, and they must consider the bigger picture of the site and its surroundings. She added she would like an update on the status of other TIF sites.

UPCOMING ITEMS

- Memorial Policy
- Special Assessment Policy/Franchise Fees (referred to Financial Commission)
- Beautification and Public Art Commission
- Liquor Store 2
- Organizational Chart-Budget work sessions
- New and Repeat Type IV Rental License Review (referred to Housing Commission)
- Food Truck Ordinance/License
- Emerald Ash Borer Policy Review (referred to Park & Rec Commission November)
- Opioid Settlement
- ARPA Funds
- ~~Police Labor Study~~
- Grants: Revenues & Expenses
- Purchasing Policy
- Commercial Vacant Building Fees
- Interveners Impact
- Revisit Resolution 2021-73

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Graves adjourned the Study Session at 6:47 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN CENTER IN THE COUNTY
OF HENNEPIN AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

REGULAR SESSION
JULY 24, 2023
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. INFORMAL OPEN FORUM WITH CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER INFORMAL OPEN FORUM

The Brooklyn Center City Council met in Informal Open Forum called to order by Mayor April Graves at 6:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor April Graves and Councilmembers Marquita Butler, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Dan Jerzak, and Teneshia Kragness. Also present were City Manager Reggie Edwards, Community Development Director Jesse Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director Cordell Wiseman, Commander Tony Gruenig, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Barb Suciu, and City Attorney Jason Hill.

Mayor April Graves opened the meeting for the purpose of an Informal Open Forum.

Leng X. explained he ran for Mayor in the last election. It was quite different than the City Council run he completed in 2019. Since then, he took a vow of poverty and lived in St. Paul at the Dorothy Day Center. He reconnected with his Hmong roots.

Leng X. plans to buy a house in Brooklyn Center again. The City should be leading the way rather than following other cities. The Council needs to look at the potential rather than the negatives. The City needs healing and something to look forward to. Leng X. noted Brooklyn Center needs to prioritize innovation and urged the Council to think bigger.

Mayor Graves reminded commenters to avoid speaking about items on the agenda.

Roger C. asked if Duante Wright was a contributor to Brooklyn Center and if he paid taxes to the City. His death was unintentional and his background was undesirable. He asked if those reasons made him eligible for a memorial.

Mayor Graves stated they are not taking any more comments on the memorial. The memorial is part of a settlement agreement, so there is no discussion to be had.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Kragness seconded to close the Informal Open Forum at 6:56 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Graves began a five-minute recess at 6:56 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

2. INVOCATION

Councilmember Jerzak shared two quotes from Kristin McCarthy. First, he read, "Be wise enough not to dwell on closed doors, and to look for open windows." He also shared, "Aim for the wisdom of a 100-year-old, the drive of a 30-year-old, and the perseverance of a three-year-old."

3. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

The Brooklyn Center City Council met in Regular Session called to order by Mayor April Graves at 7:01 p.m.

4. ROLL CALL

Mayor April Graves and Councilmembers Marquita Butler, Kris Lawrence-Anderson, Dan Jerzak, and Teneshia Kragness. Also present were City Manager Reggie Edwards, Community Development Director Jesse Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director Cordell Wiseman, Commander Tony Gruenig, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Barb Suciu, and City Attorney Jason Hill.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson moved and Mayor Graves seconded to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda, and the following consent items were approved:

6a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 26, 2023 – Study Session
2. June 26, 2023 – Regular Session
3. June 26, 2023 – Work Session

6b. LICENSES

MECHANICAL

Binder Heating & Air Conditioning	222 Hardman Avenue N, South Saint Paul 55075
Comfort Matters Htg & Cooling Inc.	18071 Territorial Road,

	Maple Grove 55369
Majestic Plumbing Inc.	2801 7th Ave #411, Anoka 55303
Matty V's Heating & Cooling, LLC	1052 93rd Lane NW, Coon Rapids 55433
Ty's Heating and A/C LLC	12689 Zilla Street NW, Coon Rapids 55448

RENTAL

INITIAL (TYPE IV – six-month license)

5338 Queen Avenue N	5338 Queen, LLC
6400 Fremont Avenue N	Jesus Vazquez Martinez

RENEWAL (TYPE IV – six-month license)

5301 Russell Ave N	Amax Sommerset Llc
4205 Lakeside Avenue #240	Tommy Conteh
6131 Bryant Avenue N	Jun Wang & Jinxiu Wang
306 51st Avenue N	Naisha Nicole Bell
3125 65th Avenue N	HP Minnesota I LLC
3613 Violet Avenue N	Gao Qiang Liu
5755 Humboldt Avenue N	Toan Thanh Truong
6018 Camden Avenue N	Crystal Clear Investment Llc
6019 Camden Avenue N	Inang Ekah
6131 Bryant Avenue N	Jun Wang & Jinxiu Wang
6407 Orchard Avenue N	Hpa Borrower 2018-1 Ms Llc

RENEWAL (TYPE III – one-year license)

6737 Humboldt Avenue N	Humboldt Square Ventures Llc
6915 Humboldt Avenue N	Lynwood Pointe Llc

4700 Lakeview Avenue N	Nancy G Dahlquist
5737 Emerson Avenue N	Nutida Wong
RENEWAL (TYPE II – two-year license)	
4450 58th Avenue N	Park Place Off Broadway Llc
4225 66th Avenue N	Sesan Ogunniran
RENEWAL (TYPE I – three-year license)	
3815 5nd Avenue N	Property Management Mn Llc
4507 66th Avenue N	Cathy & Mark Steinke Trust
5421 Lyndale Avenue N	Zoe & Brett R Hildreth
6614 Bryant Avenue N	Ti Lin & Xi Lin

6c. RESOLUTION APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BROOKLYN BOULEVARD CORRIDOR PROJECT PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 2021-05

6d. RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR NORTH 100 BUSINESS PARK ADDITION AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PLAT RECORDING

6e. RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR OPPORTUNITY SITE ADDITION AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PLAT RECORDING

Motion passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/DONATIONS

7a. DAUNTE WRIGHT MEMORIAL: INSTALLATION UPDATE

City Manager Reggie Edwards introduced the item. In 2021, following the shooting and death of Daunte Wright by a former Brooklyn Center police officer, the City entered into settlement negotiations with the Wright family. There was a trial against the police officer in 2022. A part of the settlement included the creation and installation of a memorial.

Dr. Edwards explained the City of Brooklyn Center has been working in collaboration with the Wright family and Juxtaposition Arts on a design for a permanent Daunte Wright Memorial to be located at the northwest corner of the intersection of 63rd Avenue N. and Kathrene Drive. The Daunte Wright Memorial will be located in the City's right-of-way.

Dr. Edwards noted Juxtaposition Arts is a youth design non-profit. The design was completed by 19 and 20-year-old paid artist apprentices, two of whom were from Brooklyn Center. They met with the Wright family and also visited the temporary memorial. Portraits and symbols from the memorial were integrated into the design process.

Dr. Edwards showed a rendering of the memorial. Flowers are integrated into the memorial, intended to represent a living memorial. There is a plaque with information about Duante Wright and the shooting incident. The art of Duante Wright includes an offering area. He also showed an aerial view of the site.

Dr. Edwards noted there was a community meeting on July 18, 2023. There were about 25 attendees. There were a number of questions addressed such as the approximate cost of $243,000. The City will maintain the memorial, and there will be a maintenance plan from an art conservator. Caretakers will maintain the planter. Also, the neighborhood impact was addressed. There will be a transition from the current to the permanent memorial to formalize the space.

Dr. Edwards stated the materials for the permanent Daunte Wright Memorial have been ordered and the City is preparing for the installation. The installation will begin mid-August, weather permitting, with an estimated four to six-week installation period. Project steps include site grading, installation of footings for granite podiums, placement of pavers and granite podiums, installation of portrait and other art components, site restoration, and planting the bump out.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson noted there is currently graffiti on the nearby stop sign and other areas near the memorial. She asked if that will remain with the permanent memorial. Dr. Edwards stated the City will restore signage, median, fences, and the like in a transitional process to ease into the new memorial.

Mayor Graves pointed out that all members of the Council, except for herself, attended the neighborhood meeting.

Dr. Edwards added the Council has been and will likely continue to receive questions about the memorial and other outcomes of the settlement. However, Council and staff have received legal counsel to not speak about the settlement at all. Any questions or concerns received by Council and staff can be forwarded to Dr. Edwards.

Councilmember Butler moved and Councilmember Kragness seconded to accept the presentation.

Motion passed unanimously.

7b. PARK UPDATE

Dr. Edwards introduced the item and invited Parks and Recreation Director Cordell Wiseman to continue the staff presentation.

Mr. Wiseman explained there was a large unauthorized event held at Centennial Park on the 4th of July. There were up to 300-400 youths in attendance. This event occurred following similar pop-up events in parks of some neighboring cities that ended up with violence and injuries to some in attendance. Staff, including those from the Parks and Recreation Department, Brooklyn Center Police Department, City Councilmembers, Office of Community Prevention, Health, and Safety, and Community Interveners, collaboratively worked to communicate and disperse the group without incident.

Mr. Wiseman stated the purpose of the discussion was to prepare and establish a plan of action to respond to a large unauthorized event. Staff learned the importance of early communication, proactive efforts, and teamwork. In the future, staff will prioritize proactivity. The staff response allowed positive interactions and education with youth. Overall, there weren't any major issues at the unauthorized event.

Mayor Graves stated she was happy with how the incident turned out, especially with the collaboration of various staff. It is also important to follow up with the event planners to help them continue community-promoting efforts while maintaining safety and City regulations.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson noted a priority for her in the budget is to add cameras to the parks. Those who are on camera will behave better, and it could have helped law enforcement determine who shot the gun in the parking lot.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson added she was mistaken about the topic of the presentation. It was her understanding that the presentation would address the repeated issues of large gatherings and noise violations in Northport Park. She thanked Mr. Wiseman for the information and requested an update on the plan to address other issues in the parks.

Councilmember Jerzak agreed the outcome of the incident was favorable. He asked if anyone is checking to ensure permits are being pulled and what intel is being gathered to be aware of similar events in the future.

Councilmember Jerzak asked why no plan has been implemented for the ongoing issues in Northport Park. The Council has received repeated comments regarding the code violations. The neighborhood near Northport Park is getting very frustrated. He asked what the procedure is to respond to events in the future.

Mr. Wiseman stated his outreach team is brand new. The team has been at Northport Park the last couple of Thursdays, which was the night of the week with the most issues reported. They have been able to engage with those at Northport. The issue is now addressing after-hours. The team has gone to other parks in Brooklyn Center, and team members are out every day of the week. The team is still looking to fill some additional positions that will allow the City to better respond to the parks. When there isn't a permit, then the police are contacted. If the permit is in place but violated, then they will take steps to ensure the organizer cannot get a permit again for some length of time.

Councilmember Jerzak pointed out his constituents have reported issues at Northport Park on Sunday afternoons and evenings. Mr. Wiseman stated they received information about Thursdays at Northport, but they can also schedule a Sunday rotation at Northport. The same evening of the Centennial Park incident there were issues at Lion's Park. The team is continuing to identify which parks to stop by and when.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if Mr. Wiseman is confident that they have the resources, personnel, and procedures required to intervene on issues in the park. Mr. Wiseman stated he has confidence in his staff and their ability. However, he is unsure about the long-term impact because there needs to be better planning and engagement efforts.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if the organizers of the Fourth of July events have been contacted and educated. Mr. Wiseman stated he has not followed up with the organizers, but he provided his contact information to them.

Dr. Edwards pointed out that the youth who coordinated the Centennial Park event are present.

Councilmember Kragness recognized there were a number of people that continue to be extremely involved in the community such as Matt Branch, Lori Moore, and Joylenna Garcia. Mr. Wiseman agreed Matt Branch has been extremely impactful in supporting youth along with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson noted marijuana will be legal in August. Brooklyn Center doesn't currently allow tobacco smoking in parks. She asked how marijuana or vaping in the parks will be addressed. Mr. Wiseman stated he has not thought about that, but he will plan a conversation with the Police Chief.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson suggested signage in the parks to ensure the parks are accessible and safe for children. Mr. Wiseman agreed the sign is a good idea, but there should be an enforcement plan in place before any signage.

Mayor Graves pointed out there was a long discussion by Council when the decision to outlaw smoking in the parks occurred. The signs likely need to be updated.

Mayor Graves requested the young ladies who planned the Centennial Park event come to the podium to speak.

Cassie introduced herself as a collegiate basketball player at Minnesota North College. Kiassa stated she is a nursing student at Rasmussen. Tatiana noted she is a pre-law student at LSU.

Recreation Director Wiseman explained the event was intended to be a small gathering to celebrate the Fourth of July. They hope to partner with the City to have youth-centric events in the future that abide by City regulations. Mr. Wiseman noted they had planned and hosted events previously, none of which raised any concerns. The goal is to maintain the health and safety of the participants.

Mayor Graves asked if such a large crowd was expected. The ladies confirmed they expected a few hundred people.

Mayor Graves stated she is impressed with the ladies' social reach and leadership skills. She thanked them for their willingness to work alongside the City and its regulations.

Matt Branch added the ladies reached out to him and the staff about hosting a back-to-school charity event.

Mayor Graves requested more information about community interveners, their planned rotations and schedules, policies and procedures, and the like. The information can be shared with the public as concerns are raised. Mr. Wiseman stated he plans to give a Departmental update in the near future, and the offered to include the requested information in the presentation.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson reiterated the Council has received complaints each of the last four Mondays regarding noise issues each Sunday night. She requested the concern be addressed as quickly as possible. Mr. Wiseman thanked Council for the details.

Councilmember Jerzak noted he spent a detailed email to Dr. Edwards asking about how law enforcement and other staff, plan to respond to 911 or other complaints regarding marijuana use. Dr. Edwards stated he would discuss the issue with the staff. Councilmember Jerzak explained he looks forward to the presentation of the information and plans to respond.

Councilmember Butler moved and Councilmember Jerzak seconded to accept the presentation.

Motion passed unanimously.

7c. LABOR STUDY - BROOKLYN CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Edwards introduced the item and explained prior to 2020, Staff investigated completing a labor study for the Brooklyn Center Police Department (BCPD). In 2022, the City contracted with the National Police Institute (NPI) for a workload study and an organizational assessment.

Brooklyn Center Police Commander Tony Gruenig explained the high-level goals of the analysis were to analyze the police department's current workload, organizational structure, and resources, use workload data to assess the potential impact of diverting some calls for service and examine the community and internal police department sentiment about policing in Brooklyn Center.

Commander Gruenig stated the NPI produced a 90-page report that includes a variety of findings including surveys of Departmental employees, interviews and focus groups with community members, quantitative analyses, and 26 comprehensive recommendations. Only seven recommendations will be covered in the presentation.

Colby Dolly, representative of the National Police Institute, summarized the role of NPI. He noted the methodology for Brooklyn Center Police Department's Labor Study consisted of a mixed

methods approach, using surveys, interviews, and quantitative analyses. NPI representatives then evaluated a variety of factors including calls for service, administrative time, service level, relief factor calculations, and staffing level scenarios.

Mr. Dolly explained the quantitative analyses were used to examine the patrol workload. Calls for service were analyzed and coupled with relief factor calculations to determine the optimal number of patrol officers based on workloads and service levels. The methods used by NPI consider the time taken to respond to community-initiated calls for service, the time officers are available, and the service level in calculating the number of officers needed.

Mr. Dolly stated the result of the quantitative analyses is a staffing model that provides enough time for a quality response from officers while also providing time for training and wellness. Factors to determine the number of officers needed include community demand, the amount of time allocated for administrative time, the desired service level, and the relief factor. The relief factor is the number of hours officers are available for patrol.

Mr. Dolly pointed out there will be a predicted 42,210 calls for service in 2023. The data shows the average time spent on calls by officers is 0.32 hours, which includes drive time and on-scene processing. Administrative time is also needed for post-call processing to collect evidence or write reports.

Mr. Dolly added the final consideration for determining staffing needs is the service level desired by the community and policymakers. Service level is defined as the proportion of time officers are available to devote to proactive activities. Proactive policing refers to a police department's attempts to prevent crime, engage with the community, and enhance public safety rather than respond to calls.

Mr. Dolly noted the amount of available proactive time is important. When officers spend most of their time answering calls for service and completing administrative work, they have little time or capacity to solve problems proactively and engage in community policing. Service level is also important regarding officer health and wellness. High workload levels have an impact on police-community relationships and job performance.

Mr. Dolly showed a chart with staffing level scenarios based on the percentage of proactive time. If Brooklyn Center were to aim for 45 percent of the proactive time, then the City would need 6 total officers. 30 percent of proactive time would require 22 officers while 40 percent of proactive time would require 30 officers.

Mr. Dolly stated there are 26 key recommendations, but he noted he would only highlight seven of them. First, based on the relief factor calculated for the BCPD, the Department should authorize 12 additional positions and 36 officers for the patrol to ensure the Department employs enough officers who are able to conduct proactive community policing activities and time away for training.

Mr. Dolly noted the second recommendation is for the Department to authorize two additional

sergeants in the patrol division to ensure sergeants are able to attend training and proactively supervise officers.

Mr. Dolly explained the third recommendation is for BCPD to add an additional detective to lower the workload of all detectives. He showed a chart of nearby cities, their populations, the number of 2021 Group-A offenses, the number of authorized detectives, and the offenses handled per detective. Champlin and Richfield have a similar population to Brooklyn Center, but their offenses per detective are almost half that of Brooklyn Center.

Mr. Dolly stated the next recommendation is for the Department to immediately hire individuals to fill the authorized records technician positions and add an additional positive to compensate for the recommended increase of officers. The fifth recommendation is for BCPD to champion and expand the employee wellness program and seek grants to provide additional resources.

Mr. Dolly added BCPD should create a comprehensive crime reduction strategy in collaboration with the community and communicate it both internally and externally. Lastly, the Department and the City should initiate programs with the community to foster positive interactions between community members and department employees.

Mr. Dolly pointed out that increasing the service level will significantly increase both prevention and community engagement efforts all while reducing stress and burnout. Current community engagement is extremely limited with current staffing levels and current community engagement frequently requires using overtime. More proactive time would routinely allow community engagement during normal shift duties.

Commander Greunig added that consistent community engagement would promote a culture of engagement within the Department.

Commander Greunig showed a list of past and current community engagement efforts. Current wellness and crime reduction efforts include mandated annual check-ups, a peer support team, visits from mental health professionals, a wellness room, a recruitment and retention team, and weekly crime reduction strategy meetings. Law enforcement also looks forward to the City's implementation of alternative responses to some calls for service.

Councilmember Kragness shared that the third recommendation regarding detectives stood out to her. She pointed out that the cities with the most similar number of offenses, Richfield and Plymouth, have twice as many detectives as Brooklyn Center.

Councilmember Jerzak noted the results are not a surprise as the Department has been understaffed for quite some time. Being fully staffed is different than being fully funded. Also, there is difficulty throughout the State to find qualified individuals for the openings.

Councilmember Jerzak stated it would be nearly impossible to fit all of the recommendations into the upcoming budget. He hopes the budget addresses the recommendations in a realistic manner and considers a long-term implementation plan of the recommendations for future budgets. The

Council has the obligation to address and promote public safety.

Commander Greunig stated the Commanders brought some proposals regarding retention to the Chief. Those will hopefully be a consideration in the budget request. He noted that Dr. Edwards helped to negotiate some efforts within the Police Department that helped to promote retention.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson asked how many patrol officers are currently employed by the Police Department. Commander Greunig stated there are currently 20 patrol officers. Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson pointed out the recommendation is for 36 patrol officers, which is 16 more than the current level.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson read a quote from the Labor Study document that stated focus groups showed community support for law enforcement. Meanwhile, the surveys of officers showed emotional exhaustion along with feelings of isolation and lack of community support.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson stated first responder wellness should be addressed. There need to be permanent cameras in the parks. Also, mobile units have shown effectiveness, so there should be more mobile units in the budget. All of those efforts are non-lethal and proactive. Brooklyn Center is one of the few jurisdictions in the area without a drone or canine. In lieu of bodies that the City cannot obtain due to budget and lack of qualified parties, there are alternative law enforcement strategies that can be prioritized. She hopes the staffing levels can increase.

Councilmember Kragness asked how many officers is the Department supposed to have. Commander Gruenig stated the Department is supposed to have 26 patrol officers. It is obvious the Department is understaffed. She asked how the Labor Study will continue to be used as a resource. Commander Gruenig stated there are other recommendations from the Labor Study that can be implemented. For example, staffing levels could be adjusted to better cover the peak calls for service times.

Mr. Dolly confirmed there was a recommendation to stagger the officers on different shifts once there are higher staffing levels. Also, community service officers (CSOs) are a great resource to act as a strategic deterrent.

Councilmember Jerzak noted that non-sworn staff are extremely important in supporting law enforcement. The non-sworn staff are also understaffed which may hold back investigations and follow-up. The victims of crime also feel the effects of a lack of administrative support.

Commander Gruenig stated they have difficulty staffing community service officers. About six years ago, CSOs were used eight years ago as a deterrent and changed the coloring of the cars to look extremely similar to police cars. Unfortunately, most neighboring cities offer benefits to CSOs. Training CSOs takes a while as well because their role is capped at 28 hours per week.

Mayor Graves asked how many CSOs are currently with the department. Commander Gruenig stated he doesn't have the exact number, but it is around seven or eight. Mayor Graves stated she interacts with CSOs much more often than police officers. They tend to be younger and more

diverse. Plus, they are more likely to be from the City. She stated she hopes the City can do more to support the CSO program.

Mayor Graves agreed there is a need for more detectives, and the open patrol positions need to be fulfilled. Current personnel aren't receiving the training and attention they need. The recruitment and retention team in the Department will be able to make a big difference.

Mayor Graves added some non-sworn staff feels like they don't receive as many training opportunities as sworn staff, and it may be an untapped resource.

Mayor Graves noted there was a statistic shared that a large percentage of sworn and non-sworn employees that do not feel heard in decision-making processes by leadership. She stated she wasn't sure who the leadership was referring to. Nonetheless, it is important for staff to be part of decision-making.

Commander Gruenig agreed he would like the non-sworn staff to receive more training, but it is an issue with coverage to send any staff to training. There have been two non-sworn staff that have transitioned to sworn staff, one of whom still works with the Police Department.

Mr. Dolly pointed out that "leadership" didn't have a specific definition assigned to it in the survey. He added that non-sworn staff have a high level of enthusiasm for the work, which is a real asset to the City.

Mayor Graves stated there are records staff positions that haven't been filled. Commander Gruenig explained they are still looking to find a good fit. Each posting only receives a few applications, and the preferred candidate pool would be 30-40 applicants. The position has been filled a couple of times, but the employees left shortly after starting.

Councilmember Kragness asked if there is potential to give CSOs a raise to promote retention. Commander Gruenig agreed increasing the pay could be an option, but a human resources study would have to be completed. Brooklyn Park, for example, offers benefits to CSOs, and Brooklyn Center has lost several CSOs to Brooklyn Park. Brooklyn Center could offer additional wages that would be equal to the cost of benefits.

Councilmember Kragness asked why they can't have benefits. Mayor Graves stated the City doesn't offer benefits to any part-time employees.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson stated she would like to see a cost-benefit analysis comparing a wage increase or offering benefits to CSOs. She asked when there would be a new recruitment video. Commander Gruenig stated there aren't plans to create a new video.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson pointed out she would like to see a new recruitment video that is approved by the Council, particularly one that shows the soft side of law enforcement. Mayor Graves added it would be a good resource for law enforcement to work with Megan on a recruitment video.

Councilmember Jerzak noted there was a recommendation for two new sergeants. Sergeants are vital in the development of new officers. Plus, it provides opportunities for promotions. Sound leadership is especially important considering that BCPD has a large percentage of newer staff. Commander Gruenig agreed leadership is critical for triaging calls and preventing simple mistakes that can be made by new officers.

Mayor Graves stated there is a clear need for a comprehensive plan across City Departments that highlights how various staff and community can work together. Commander Gruenig stated he would relay the vision to the Chief.

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson asked if there will be a similar presentation made to the rest of the Police Department. Commander Gruenig confirmed there would be a presentation.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Butler seconded to accept the Labor Study for the Brooklyn Center Police Department.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

None.

10. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

10a. APPROVAL OF A TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE (TEDI) GRANT APPLICATION, TO SUPPORT PHASE 1 OF THE OPPORTUNITY SITE

Dr. Edwards introduced the item and invited Community Development Director Jesse Anderson to make the Staff presentation.

Mr. Anderson explained that the staff is continuing to look at grant opportunities to support the Opportunity Site. The Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) grant program is a joint program between the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Department of Employment and Economic Development. The program is intended to finance infrastructure that "creates economic development opportunities, jobs, and improve all types of transportation systems." It is a Statewide grant with about $1.9 million available for the 2023 round. There is no grant maximum and no match requirement. However, the demonstration of additional non-State dollars is viewed positively.

Mr. Anderson added the grant funds are provided as reimbursement for expenditures, and the related project must be completed within three years from the execution of the funding contract. The application deadline is September 22, 2023. Awardees will be announced in December 2023.

Mr. Anderson noted funding would help offset the costs of the parkway. The application will not commit the City to additional funds. The requested Resolution of Support is a grant-required affirmation showing the City's support of Phase I.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Butler seconded to approve a resolution authorizing an application for a Department of Employment and Economic Development 2023 "TEDI" grant, to fund public infrastructure for Phase 1 of the Opportunity Site.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Kragness reported on her attendance at the following and provided information on the following upcoming events:

- Attended Fire Academy graduation.
- Attended Duante Wright community meeting.
- Had coffee with a concerned business owner.
- Attended employee picnic.
- Participated in City Council budget meeting.

Mayor Graves reported on his attendance at the following and provided information on the following upcoming events:

- Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Butler for representing her at the community meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lawrence-Anderson moved and Councilmember Jerzak seconded the adjournment of the City Council meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 8/14/2023

TO: City Council
FROM: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager
THROUGH: N/A
BY: Shannon Pettit, Deputy City Clerk

SUBJECT: Approval of Licenses

Requested Council Action:

- *Motion to approve the licenses as presented.*

Background:

The following businesses/persons have applied for City licenses as noted. Each business/person has fulfilled the requirements of the City Ordinance governing respective licenses, submitted appropriate applications, and paid proper fees. Applicants for rental dwelling licenses are in compliance with Chapter 12 of the City Code of Ordinances, unless comments are noted below the property address on the attached rental report.

Mechanical

Air Express, Inc.
P.O.Box 490400, Blaine 55449
Air Force Mechanical, Inc.
2392 40th Street South, Waverly 55390
Blue Yeti Services LLC
4205 Brnason St., Edina 55424
CB Mechanical LLC
15658 150th Ave, Foreston 56330
Davis Mechanical Systems Inc
21225 Hamburg Ave, Suite 3, Lakeville 55044
Erickson Plumbing Heating Cooling
1471 92nd Lane NE, Blaine 55449
GV Heating & Air Inc
5182 West Broadway, Crystal 55429
PB Services LLC
9410 Bataan St NE, Blaine 55449
Palen Kimball
1717 University Ave St. Paul 55104
Pember Companies, Inc
N4449 469th St., Menomonie 54751
Quality HVAC Solutions II
7501 Duluth St, Golden Valley 55427

Sign Hanger

Spectrum Sign Systems
8786 West 35W Service Drive NE, Blaine 55449

Hospitality Accommodations
Brooklyn Center Hotel BL23-0439
2200 Freeway Blvd

Temporary On-Sale Liquor License
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Taste of Latin America, September 23, 2023
7025 Halifax Avenue N

Budget Issues:

- None

Inclusive Community Engagement:

- None

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

- None

Strategic Priorities and Values:

Safe, Secure, Stable Community, Operational Excellence

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Rental Criteria	6/20/2023	Backup Material
Rentals	8/10/2023	Backup Material

Property Code and Nuisance Violations Criteria		
License Category (Based on Property Code Only)	**Number of Units**	**Property Code Violations per Inspected Unit**
Type I – 3 Year	1-2 units	0-2
	3+ units	0-0.75
Type II – 2 Year	1-2 units	Greater than 2 but not more than 5
	3+ units	Greater than 0.75 but not more than 1.5
Type III – 1 Year	1-2 units	Greater than 5 but not more than 9
	3+ units	Greater than 1.5 but not more than 3
Type IV – 6 Months	1-2 units	Greater than 9
	3+ units	Greater than 3

b. Police Service Calls.

Police call rates will be based on the average number of valid police calls per unit per year. Police incidences for purposes of determining licensing categories shall include disorderly activities and nuisances as defined in Section 12-911, and events categorized as Part I crimes in the Uniform Crime Reporting System including homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson.

Calls will not be counted for purposes of determining licensing categories where the victim and suspect are "Family or household members" as defined in the Domestic Abuse Act, Minnesota Statutes, Section 518B.01, Subd. 2 (b) and where there is a report of "Domestic Abuse" as defined in the Domestic Abuse Act, Minnesota Statutes, Section 518B.01, Subd. 2 (a).

License Category	**Number of Units**	**Validated Calls for Disorderly Conduct Service & Part I Crimes** (Calls Per Unit/Year)
No Category Impact	1-2	0-1
	3-4 units	0-0.25
	5 or more units	0-0.35
Decrease 1 Category	1-2	Greater than 1 but not more than 3
	3-4 units	Greater than 0.25 but not more than 1
	5 or more units	Greater than 0.35 but not more than 0.50
Decrease 2 Categories	1-2	Greater than 3
	3-4 units	Greater than 1
	5 or more units	Greater than 0.50

Rental Licenses for Council Approval 8.14.23

Location Address	License Subtype	Renewal/Initial	Owner	Property Code Violations	License Type	Police CFS*	Final License Type **	Previous License Type***	Consecutive Type IV's
6907 Dupont Ave N	Multiple Family 1 Bldg 4 Units	Initial	Evang Luth Ch Of The Master	15 = 3.75 per unit	Type IV	N/A	Type IV	N/A	N/A
4201 Lakeside Ave N, #205	Condo	Initial	Corbet Cheung	3	Type II	N/A	Type II	N/A	N/A
5332 Humboldt Ave N	Single	Initial	C A Morales & Z A Contreras	7	Type III	N/A	Type III	N/A	N/A
5442 James Ave N	Single	Initial	Brandon J Stigsell	2	Type I	N/A	Type II	N/A	N/A
5707 Emerson Ave N	Single	Initial	Gilma Aracely Mejia	2	Type I	N/A	Type II	N/A	N/A
6318 Brooklyn Dr	Single	Initial	Kayo Investment	2	Type I	N/A	Type II	N/A	N/A
5801 Xerxes Ave N	Multiple Family 1 Bldg 127 Units	Renewal	Brooklyn Center Ah I	159 = 1.25 per unit	Type II	**15 = 0.04 per unit** 7/6/22 Weapons Offense 7/11/22 Weapons Offense 8/3/22 Disturbance 9/18/22 Weapons Offense 10/8/22 Disturbance 11/9/22 Assault 11/18/22 Arson 11/19/22 Assault 11/25/22 Disturbance 1/15/23 Weapons Offense 1/25/23 Weapons Offense 1/26/23 Disturbance 1/26/23 Assault 2/15/23 Weapons Offense 5/24/23 Robbery	Type II	Type II	N/A
6121 Brooklyn Blvd	Multiple Family 1 Bldg 158 Units	Renewal	Sanctuary Brooklyn Ctr Lp	82 = 0.51 per unit	Type I		Type I	Type I	N/A
3012 51st Ave N	Two Family	Renewal	Sri Lakshmi Valiveti	11	Type IV		Type IV	Type III	0
5304 Vincent Ave N	Two Family	Renewal	Lou Yang & Pao G Vang Met requirements	4	Type II	0	Type II	Type III	N/A
1112 Emerson La	Single	Renewal	Bodhi Emerson, LLC	9	Type III		Type III	Type I	N/A
1323 67th La N	Single	Renewal	786 Homes-f23 Llc	3	Type II		Type II	Type I	N/A

2001 54th Ave N	Single	Renewal	Serendipity Investment Llc	8	Type III		Type IV	Type IV	2
2406 Ericon Dr	Single	Renewal	G B Homes Llc	10	Type IV		Type IV	Type III	0
3612 55th Ave N	Single	Renewal	Lutheran Social Srvc Of Mn	8	Type III		Type III	Type I	N/A
3900 51st Ave N	Single	Renewal	Callaway Helbraun Fam Rev Tr	0	Type I	0	Type I	Type III	N/A
5313 62nd Ave N	Single	Renewal	Chao Vang	3	Type II		Type II	Type I	N/A
5313 Northport Dr	Single	Renewal	Ih2 Property Illinois Lp	1	Type I		Type III	Type III	N/A
5323 Dupont Ave N	Single	Renewal	A F Nelson & H M Nelson	2	Type I		Type I	Type II	N/A
5325 Knox Ave N	Single	Renewal	Maria Collaguazo	10	Type IV		Type IV	Type III	0
5642 Logan Ave N	Single	Renewal	Mnsf T3 Spe Llc	1	Type I		Type I	Type III	N/A
5701 Bryant Ave N	Single	Renewal	Lin Shuang Llc	4	Type II		Type II	Type I	N/A
5712 Logan Ave N	Single	Renewal	Penrod, LLC	7	Type III	0	Type IV	Type IV	3
5715 Knox Ave N	Single	Renewal	AS Properties, LLC	2	Type I		Type I	Type III	N/A
6009 Aldrich Ave N	Single	Renewal	Rre Ventures Llc	6	Type III		Type IV	Type IV	2
6009 Aldrich Ave N	Single	Renewal	Rre Ventures Llc	9	Type III		Type IV	Type IV	3
6015 Dupont Ave N	Single	Renewal	Home Sfr Borrower Llc	12	Type IV		Type IV	Type II	0
6213 Lee Ave N	Single	Renewal	Emmanuel Benson & Kaibeh Benson	10	Type IV		Type IV	Type IV	2
6501 Beard Ave N	Single	Renewal	Fyr Sfr Borrower Llc	19	Type IV		Type IV	Type IV	3
6800 Fremont Pl N	Single	Renewal	Sharon Mcgary	26	Type IV		Type IV	Type II	0
6800 Fremont Pl N	Single	Renewal	Sharon Mcgary	0	Type I		Type I	Type IV	N/A
7018 Irving Ave N	Single	Renewal	Omar A & Ayanna Adams	21	Type IV		Type IV	Type II	0

*CFS = Calls for Service for renewal licenses only (Initial licences are not applicable to calls for service, and will be listed as N/A

**License type being issued

***Initial licenses will now show a Type I = 3 Year, Type II = 2 Year, Type III = 1 Year, Type IV = 6 months

All properties are current on City utilities and property taxes

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 8/14/2023

TO: City Council
FROM: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager
THROUGH: N/A
BY: LaToya Turk, Office of Community Prevention, Health and Safety

SUBJECT: Alternative Response Model

Requested Council Action:

Staff will be presenting to City Council an Alternative Response (ART) model in partnership with Hennepin County. The work session will cover the current model being presented by Hennepin county, budget implications for the City and organizational structure of a Brooklyn Center Alternative Response Model.

Background:

In recent years, communities across the United States have been re-evaluating and transforming their response to social health determinants and the mental health crisis. Among the seen transformations, the glaring oversight to the inadequate approaches to prevent social health determinants is evident with the current rise to historical initiatives such as Alternative Response Teams.

Conventional response approaches lack the specialized training required to navigate the intricate landscape of social health determinants and mental health challenges. The unfortunate consequences of such inadequacies have too frequently resulted in unfortunate outcomes, underscoring the necessity for a more holistic, compassionate and comprehensive approach.

This paradigm shift is not only fueled by community committees (DKIC), city public safety staff and Hennepin County but the growing recognition of the shortcomings of traditional response models and a call for deeper commitment to social justice, inclusivity and promotion of mental well-being.

A comprehensive alternative response model includes professionals that are skilled in crisis prevention, intervention and recovery to deliver immediate, specialized empathetic care to those experiencing a crisis or prevention management.

The Brooklyn Center Alternative Response Team represent a collective commitment to fostering an environment of safety, trust and understanding.

Budget Issues:

The Brooklyn Center Alternative Response team will have financial obligations for the City. With current partnerships, grant funding and public safety aid the alternative response model will be fully funded by the general fund by 2027.

Inclusive Community Engagement:

None

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

None

Strategic Priorities and Values:

Enhanced Community Image, Inclusive Community Engagement, Safe, Secure, Stable Community, Operational Excellence

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
ART OCPHS PPT	8/11/2023	Cover Memo

Enhancing Public Safety Through Prevention-Focused Strategies

The Intersection of Public Health and Public Safety

LaToya Turk, OCPHS, Director

City Council Work session, August 14, 2023

Public Health Response to Mental Health Crisis

- Responding to the mental health crisis through innovative public safety strategies is an evolution from reactive to proactive approaches, addressing root causes of social health determinants that impact wellness and safety.
- Integrating public health principles into public safety initiatives can lead to more resilient and safe communities.

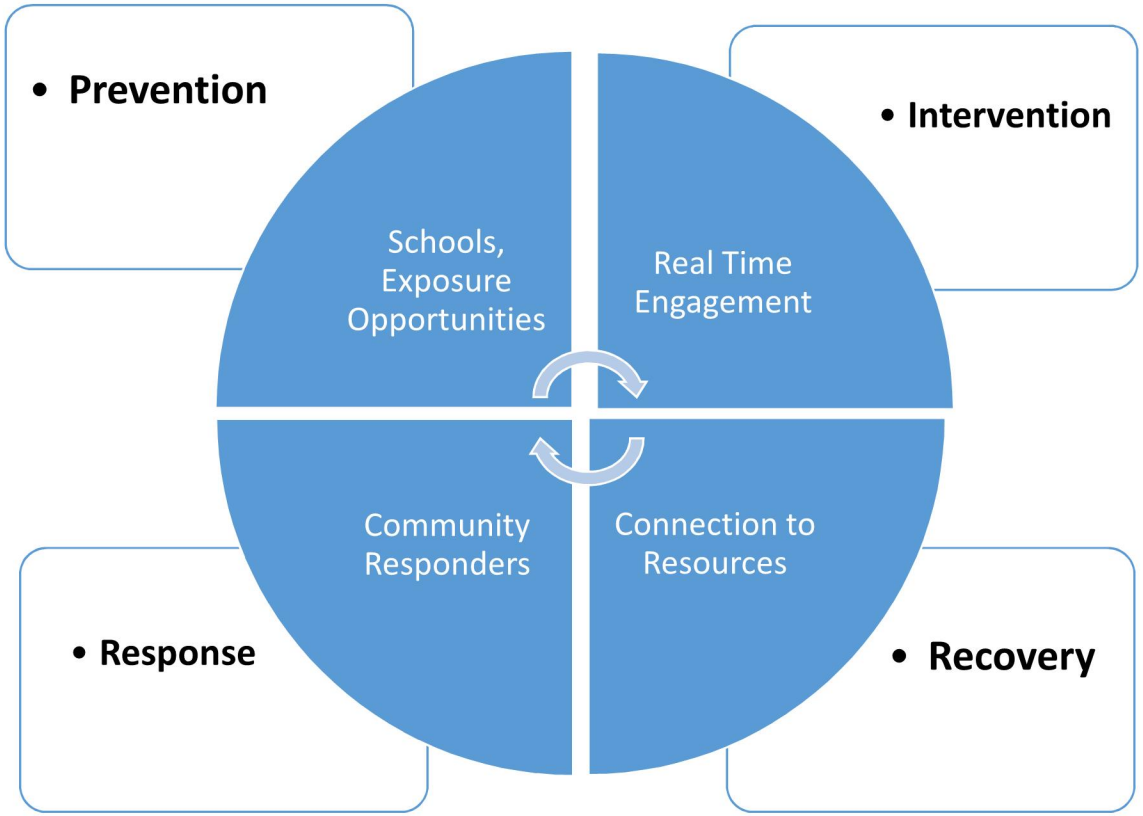
Public Health Approaches in Response to Mental Health Calls

Understanding the Public Health Model

This approach goes beyond simply responding to incidents and focuses on promoting community well-being.

Application of Public Health Strategies to Public Safety

Applying public health strategies to public safety involves a shift from reacting to incidents to proactively addressing risk factors and promoting protective factors that contribute to community safety.


• Prevention
• Intervention
Schools, Exposure Opportunities
Real Time Engagement
Community Responders
Connection to Resources
• Response
• Recovery

Benefits of Prevention-Focused Approaches

By addressing the root causes of safety concerns, prevention-focused approaches can lead to more resilient and thriving communities. This shift has the potential to significantly reduce crime and improve overall community well-being.

Key Components of Prevention in Public Safety

- Prevention through Risk and Protective Factors Analysis
- Early Intervention and Outreach Programs
- Community Engagement and Empowerment

Collaborative Partnerships

- Role of Law Enforcement and Public Health Agencies
- Multi-Disciplinary Teams for Holistic Solutions
- Successful Collaborations

Hennepin County and Brooklyn Center Collaboration

- Hennepin County Alternative Response Team History
- Hennepin County offer to Brooklyn Center
- City's Role and Responsibilities

HC Alternative Response Team (ART)

The Alternative Response Team (ART) includes a Sr. Social Worker that will respond in real time with a Community Paramedic from North Memorial Health.

The team will be dispatched by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office dispatch center. The ART team will respond to a variety of call types in which the 911 caller defines as urgent, and which the dispatcher and/or responding The sr. social worker will be responsible for completing a needs assessment and providing solution focused interventions in person, refer for follow-up and complete documentation.

This position is an onsite position officed out of the Brooklyn Center Police Department and will require travel throughout various cities in Hennepin County. Work hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Benefits of ART in Brooklyn Center

- Develop collaborative relationships with law enforcement, emergency departments, human services, and other community stakeholders/partners.
- Conduct needs and risk assessments of adults, children, and adolescents in crisis in a client's home or community setting.
- Utilize solution focused interventions and together with the individual in crisis, create a personalized crisis/safety plan that is culturally informed, and person centered.
- Facilitate immediate treatment planning, disposition, and coordination of recommendations and service coordination.
- Coordinate placement into facility that provides higher level of care when individual is assessed to be unsafe to remain in the community.
- Facilitate immediate service coordination with community providers and connect individuals to new and existing supports.
- Provide consultation, support and resources to police officers when responding to behavioral health related calls.
- Document referrals received and case notes utilizing state and county systems.
- As needed transport individuals in county vehicle to community providers to further stabilize.
- Participate in community engagement events.

Benefits of alternative response teams are often context-dependent and can vary based on the specific program design, community demographics, and local resources. Ongoing research and data collection are crucial to assess the long-term impact and effectiveness of these initiatives.

- **Reduction in Use of Force Incidents:**
  - Alternative response teams have been associated with a reduction in use of force incidents during crisis situations involving mental health or substance abuse issues.
  - Studies have shown that crisis intervention teams (CIT) comprising mental health professionals are better equipped to de-escalate situations, reducing the need for physical force.
- **Decreased Criminalization of Mental Illness:**
  - Alternative response models, such as mobile crisis teams, help divert individuals with mental health challenges away from the criminal justice system and towards appropriate treatment and support.
  - Communities with well-implemented alternative response teams have reported fewer arrests and incarcerations of individuals with mental illnesses.
- **Improved Mental Health Outcomes:**
  - Crisis intervention teams and mental health response units have led to improved mental health outcomes by providing immediate access to appropriate care, reducing the likelihood of repeated crisis episodes.
- **Enhanced Community Trust:**
  - Alternative response teams, by focusing on empathy and de-escalation, contribute to building trust between law enforcement and the community, especially marginalized or vulnerable populations.
  - Communities that utilize alternative response teams report higher levels of satisfaction and cooperation among residents.
- **Increased Community Well-Being:**
  - Communities that implement alternative response teams often experience an overall improvement in well-being, as individuals in crisis receive appropriate care and support.
- **Cost Savings:**
  - Effective alternative response models can result in cost savings for communities by reducing the strain on emergency services, emergency departments, and the criminal justice system.
  - Diverting individuals away from unnecessary arrests and detentions leads to lower criminal justice expenses.
- **Preventive Impact:**
  - By addressing the root causes of crises, alternative response teams contribute to prevention and early intervention, potentially reducing the need for more extensive and costly interventions down the line.
- **Better Allocation of Resources:**
  - When alternative response teams handle non-violent crisis situations, law enforcement officers can focus on addressing serious crimes and public safety concerns, optimizing resource allocation.
- **Holistic Approach:**
  - Alternative response teams often involve collaboration with social workers, mental health professionals, and community organizations, enabling a more holistic and comprehensive approach to crisis management.
- **Reduced Stigma:**
  - Alternative response teams help reduce the stigma associated with mental health challenges and substance abuse issues by providing a more compassionate and understanding approach.

Mental Problem and Welfare Check Calls by Hour and Day (7/28/21-7/28/23)

DOW/Hour	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Total
Sun	21	25	20	12	16	11	10	12	15	23	19	21	30	42	26	29	40	46	27	28	40	39	27	32	**611**
Mon	23	20	16	9	5	8	11	16	29	29	36	26	30	34	33	42	51	53	32	32	32	37	30	28	**662**
Tue	31	13	10	13	15	12	13	20	23	24	29	36	45	43	33	44	53	45	42	37	42	32	30	25	**710**
Wed	21	18	18	15	15	11	7	17	20	37	27	30	43	39	36	39	54	29	30	43	34	32	22	25	**662**
Thu	17	20	13	13	6	6	11	22	27	33	31	35	33	34	49	40	30	32	31	37	22	31	23	29	**625**
Fri	27	12	18	18	12	13	9	23	35	21	33	33	36	35	33	37	28	45	36	38	30	36	16	22	**646**
Sat	27	16	18	5	7	16	6	12	32	27	18	20	21	30	24	26	36	40	53	41	38	36	27	32	**608**
Total	**167**	**124**	**113**	**85**	**76**	**77**	**67**	**122**	**181**	**194**	**193**	**201**	**238**	**257**	**234**	**257**	**292**	**290**	**251**	**256**	**238**	**243**	**175**	**193**	**4524**

Challenges and Opportunities

- Overcoming Stigma and Resistance to Change
- Resource Allocation and Funding Considerations
- Addressing Socioeconomic Disparities

Workplan

- Community Policing and Collaboration
- Violence Prevention Programs
- Mental Health Crisis Response
- Opioid Awareness
- Youth Development Initiatives
- Early Intervention Initiatives
- Safe House Initiatives
- Employment and Economic Opportunities

Questions

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 8/14/2023

TO: City Council
FROM: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager
THROUGH: N/A
BY: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager

SUBJECT: Legislative Appreciation

Requested Council Action:

- request the City Council approve a proclamation of appreciation for work successfully completed by Senator Susan Pha and Representative Samantha Vang on behalf of Brooklyn Center.

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 8/14/2023

TO: City Council
FROM: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager
THROUGH: N/A
BY: Barb Suciu, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk

SUBJECT: City-Wide Survey Results

Requested Council Action:

- motion to accept the results of the City-Wide Survey.

Background:

The City has conducted a communitywide survey for the past two decades. The community survey has provided longitudinal data on key areas of residents experiences and beliefs, city services and activities.

The statistically valid survey was conducted by the Morris Leatherman Company.

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

Inclusive Community Engagement, Customer Intimacy , Operational Excellence

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Survey	8/10/2023	Backup Material
Presentation	8/10/2023	Presentation

THE MORRIS LEATHERMAN COMPANY
3128 Dean Court
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416

City of Brooklyn Center
Residential Survey
FINAL JULY 2023

Hello, I'm _____ of the Morris Leatherman Company, a polling firm located in Minneapolis. We have been retained by the City of Brooklyn Center to speak with a random sample of residents about issues facing the community. This survey is being conducted because the City Council and City Staff are interested in your opinions and suggestions about current and future city needs. I want to assure you that all individual responses will be held strictly confidential; only summaries of the entire sample will be reported.

1. Approximately, how many years have you lived in Brooklyn Center?

TWO YEARS OR LESS	9%
THREE TO FIVE YEARS	16%
SIX TO TEN YEARS	17%
ELEVEN TO TWENTY YEARS	25%
21 TO 30 YEARS	14%
OVER THIRTY YEARS	20%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

2. As things now stand, how long in the future do you expect to live in Brooklyn Center?

TWO YEARS OR LESS	5%
THREE TO FIVE YEARS	11%
SIX TO TEN YEARS	12%
OVER TEN YEARS	19%
REST OF LIFE	42%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	11%

3. What do you like most, if anything, about living in Brooklyn Center?

DON’T KNOW/REFUSED	0%
NOTHING	2%
LOCATION	5%
CLOSE TO FAMILY	24%
CLOSE TO JOB	14%
QUIET/PEACEFUL	10%
HOUSING/NEIGHBORHOOD	18%
PARKS/TRAILS	7%
CLOSE TO SHOPPING	5%
DIVERSITY	5%
SCHOOLS	6%
FRIENDLY PEOPLE	2%
SCATTERED	2%

4. What do you think is the most serious issue facing Brooklyn Center today?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%
NOTHING.....14%
LACK OF JOBS.....9%
LACK OF BUSINESSES.....9%
CRIME.....33%
LOW INCOME HOUSING.....2%
HIGH TAXES.....11%
RUNDOWN PROPERTIES.....8%
LOW INCOME HOUSING.....2%
HIGH RENT.....2%
SCATTERED.....4%

5. How would you rate the quality of life in Brooklyn Center -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....10%
GOOD.....67%
ONLY FAIR.....22%
POOR.....2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

6. How would you rate the City's job of handling the COVID-19 pandemic - excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....11%
GOOD.....71%
ONLY FAIR.....15%
POOR.....1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%

For each of the following statements, please tell me if you strongly agree with it, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement....

	STA	AGR	DIS	STD	DKR
7. People have pride and ownership in our neighborhood.	25%	65%	8%	1%	2%
8. I am proud to live in Brooklyn Center.	33%	57%	6%	2%	2%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=32)

9. Why do you feel that way?

CRIME 44%; HOMELESSNESS, 6%; LITTER/TRASH, 3%; DECLINING FAST, 13%; BAD REPUTATION, 13%; LACK OF COMMUNITY IDENTITY, 13%; POOR SCHOOLS, 3%; LOW INCOME HOUSING, 3%; SCATTERED, 3%.

10. How would you rate the strength of community identity and the sense of neighborliness in Brooklyn Center -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT	11%
GOOD	66%
ONLY FAIR	19%
POOR	3%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%

11. To which of the following do you feel a closer connection to:
A) The City of Brooklyn Center as a whole,
B) Your neighborhood, or
C) Your school district?

STATEMENT A	19%
STATEMENT B	68%
STATEMENT C	7%
NONE OF ABOVE	6%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

12. All in all, do you think things in Brooklyn Center are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things are off on the wrong track?

RIGHT DIRECTION	80%
WRONG TRACK	16%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4%

IF "WRONG TRACK," ASK: (N=63)

13. Why do you think things are off on the wrong track in the city?

RISING CRIME, 43%; RUNDOWN, 6%; VACANT BUSINESSES, 29%; DECLINING QUALITY, 3%; HOMELESSNESS, 3%; TOO MUCH LOW INCOME, 9%; SCATTERED, 6%.

Continuing....

14. How satisfied are you with the number of opportunities to participate in activities and meetings in your neighborhood and the city - very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

VERY SATISFIED	34%
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	56%
SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	3%
VERY DISSATISFIED	3%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	5%

IF "SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED" OR "VERY DISSATISFIED," ASK: (N=22)

15. What could the City do to help you become more involved?

UNSURE, 32%; REDUCE CRIME, 5%; HOST NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS, 18%; POLICE PRESENCE AT TOWN MEETINGS, 9%; LISTEN TO RESIDENTS, 23%; MORE EVENTS, 14%.

16. Do you feel welcome to share your thoughts and opinions with the City of Brooklyn Center?

YES.....90%
NO.....10%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=39)

17. Why do you feel that way?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
DON'T LISTEN.....39%
DON'T KNOW HOW.....15%
NOTHING CHANGES.....39%
LACK OPPORTUNITIES.....8%

18. Do you feel accepted, valued, and welcomed in the City of Brooklyn Center?

YES.....93%
NO.....6%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

19. Do you feel youth opinions, teens in particular, are valued in the community?

YES.....69%
NO.....22%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....10%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=88)

20. Why do you feel that way?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
NOT LISTENED TO.....27%
NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY....44%
NOT ASKED.....24%
FEEL UNWANTED.....2%
CONSIDERED A PROBLEM....2%

Changing topics....

I would like to read you list of characteristics in a community. For each one, please tell me if you think Brooklyn Center currently has too many or too much, too few or too little, or about the right amount. (ROTATE LIST)

		MANY MUCH	FEW/ LITT	ABOUT RIGHT	D.K./ REF.
21.	Affordable rental apartments?	19%	34%	46%	2%
22.	Luxury rental apartments?	17%	30%	50%	4%
23.	Rental homes?	20%	28%	49%	4%
24.	Condominiums or townhouses?	21%	18%	59%	1%
25.	Starter homes for young families?	6%	38%	52%	5%
26.	"Move up" housing for families looking for a larger home?	11%	29%	58%	3%
27.	Senior housing?	8%	38%	49%	6%

		MANY MUCH	FEW/ LITT	ABOUT RIGHT	D.K./ REF.
28.	Affordable housing, defined by the Metropolitan Council as a single family home costing less than $355,000?	13%	31%	53%	3%
29.	Service establishments?	4%	35%	61%	1%
30.	Retail shopping opportunities?	6%	44%	50%	1%

31. How would you rate general redevelopment in the City of Brooklyn Center -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....5%
GOOD.....48%
ONLY FAIR.....30%
POOR.....12%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....6%

IF A RATING IS GIVEN, ASK: (N=378)

32. Why do you feel that way?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%
LACK OF BUSINESSES.....23%
EMPTY BUILDINGS.....18%
HIGH TAXES.....9%
BRINGS JOBS.....26%
LOOKS NICE.....18%
NEW BUSINESSES OPENING..2%
SCATTERED.....3%

33. Do you support or oppose the continued redevelopment in the City of Brooklyn Center? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?

STRONGLY SUPPORT.....18%
SUPPORT.....69%
OPPOSE.....5%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%

34. Are there any types of development you would like to see in the city? (IF "YES," ASK:) What are they?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%
NO.....15%
SMALL RETAIL SHOPS.....20%
SENIOR HOUSING.....7%
RESTAURANTS.....10%
JOB PRODUCING.....18%
AFFORDABLE HOUSING.....6%
BIG BOX RETAIL.....8%
ENTERTAINMENT.....7%
GROCERY.....2%
SCATTERED.....2%

35. Are there any types of development you would strongly oppose?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%
NO.....48%
LOW INCOME HOUSING.....15%
LIQUOR STORES.....14%
APARTMENTS.....5%
BARS.....11%
TOBACCO SHOPS.....2%
SCATTERED.....2%

36. What do you believe is the greatest need in Brooklyn Center to provide economic stability for all city residents? (READ LIST AND ROTATE)

JOBS.....32%
TRANSPORTATION TO JOBS.....11%
RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.....23%
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NEW BUSINESSES.....19%
TECHNICAL TRAINING.....5%
OTHER (REDUCE CRIME/CHILDCARE).....4%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%

As the City of Brooklyn Center continues redevelopment....

37. Do you support or oppose the City providing financial incentives to attract specific types of development? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?

STRONGLY SUPPORT.....18%
SUPPORT.....65%
OPPOSE.....9%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%

Moving on....

38. How would you rate the general condition and appearance of homes in the community -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....7%
GOOD.....73%
ONLY FAIR.....17%
POOR.....2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

39. Over the past two years, has the appearance of your neighborhood improved, declined, or remained the same?

IMPROVED.....20%
DECLINED.....12%
REMAINED THE SAME.....67%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

For each of the following, please tell me whether the City is too tough, about right, or not tough enough in enforcing city codes on the nuisances.

		TOO TOU	ABO RIG	NOT TOU	DK/ REF
40.	Loose animals?	3%	77%	17%	3%
41.	Junk cars on residential properties?	4%	68%	25%	3%
42.	Messy yards on residential properties?	5%	60%	31%	4%
43.	Deteriorated commercial properties?	2%	61%	33%	4%
44.	Weeds and tall grass?	9%	57%	32%	2%
45.	Noise?	15%	65%	20%	1%
46.	On street parking?	14%	65%	19%	2%
47.	Properties with vacant homes?	2%	61%	29%	8%

48. How would you rate the water quality in city lakes, streams, and rivers -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT	6%
GOOD	67%
ONLY FAIR	23%
POOR	4%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%

Moving on....

49. Do you consider the city portion of your property taxes to be very high, somewhat high, about average, somewhat low, or very low compared to neighboring cities?

VERY HIGH	13%
SOMEWHAT HIGH	26%
ABOUT AVERAGE	47%
SOMEWHAT LOW	0%
VERY LOW	0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	14%

50. When you consider the property taxes you pay and the quality of city services you receive, would you rate the general value of city services as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT	10%
GOOD	57%
ONLY FAIR	24%
POOR	2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	8%

In 2022, the actual percentage of your property taxes going to the City of Brooklyn Center was about forty-two percent.

51. Would you favor or oppose an increase in YOUR city property tax if it were needed to **maintain** city services at their current level?

FAVOR	67%
OPPOSE	25%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	8%

IF "OPPOSE," ASK: (N=98)

52. What city services would you be willing to see cut?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%
NOTHING.....41%
ADMINISTRATION.....40%
PARKS AND RECREATION....9%
ANIMAL CONTROL.....6%
STREET REPAIR.....2%

53. Would you favor or oppose an increase in city property taxes to **enhance** current city services or offer additional city services?

FAVOR.....26%
OPPOSE.....67%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....8%

IF "FAVOR," ASK: (N=102)

54. What services would you like to see enhanced or offered?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%
POLICE.....44%
PARK MAINTENANCE.....10%
TRAIL MAINTENANCE.....10%
CODE ENFORCEMENT.....11%
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT....4%
SOCIAL SERVICES.....9%
TRANSPORTATION.....2%
SENIOR SERVICES.....6%
SCATTERED.....2%

55. How much would you be willing to pay in additional property taxes to enhance city services or offer additional city services? How about $___ per year? (CHOOSE A RANDOM STARTING POINT; MOVE UP OR DOWN DEPENDING ON RESPONSE) How about $___ per year? (REPEAT PROCESS)

$10.00 OR LESS.....22%
$20.00.....30%
$40.00.....17%
$60.00.....5%
$80.00.....4%
$100.00.....8%
$120.00.....3%
$140.00.....2%
$160.00.....0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....9%

I would like to read you a list of a few city services. For each one, please tell me whether you would rate the quality of the service as excellent, good, only fair, or poor? (ROTATE)

		EXCL	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DK/R
56.	Police protection?	38%	46%	14%	1%	1%
57.	Fire protection?	45%	43%	7%	1%	4%
58.	Recycling pick-up?	33%	58%	6%	0%	4%
59.	Storm drainage and flood control?	17%	67%	11%	0%	6%

	EXCL	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DK/R
60. Park maintenance?	27%	55%	18%	0%	0%
61. City-sponsored recreation programs?	25%	55%	15%	1%	5%
62. Maintenance of city buildings and facilities?	23%	58%	15%	2%	3%
63. Emergency medical response?	36%	55%	2%	0%	7%
64. City drinking water?	11%	59%	18%	12%	1%
65. Property maintenance enforcement?	21%	50%	22%	4%	4%
66. Building and construction inspections?	10%	54%	17%	1%	19%

Now, for the next three city services, please consider only city-maintained streets and roads. This means excluding interstate highways and state and county roads taken care of by other levels of government. Hence, Interstate 694, Highway 100, Highway 252, County Road 81 or Brooklyn Boulevard, should not be considered. How would you rate ....

	EXCL	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	DK/R
67. City street repair and maintenance?	6%	53%	36%	5%	0%
68. Snow plowing?	13%	53%	29%	5%	0%
69. Street lighting?	11%	51%	30%	9%	0%

70. How would you rate the quality of city drinking water -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT	11%
GOOD	59%
ONLY FAIR	18%
POOR	12%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%

IF “ONLY FAIR” OR “POOR,” ASK: (N=117)

71. Why did you rate the quality of city drinking water as (only fair/poor)?

DON’T KNOW/REFUSED	0%
CLOUDY	18%
BAD ODOR	22%
HARD WATER	16%
BAD TASTE	44%

72. Does your household regularly participate in the curbside recycling program?

YES	85%
NO	15%
DON’T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

73. Have you done anything during the past two years to reduce your use of energy? (IF "YES," ASK:) What would that be?

NO	27%
CFL LIGHT BULBS	18%
THERMOSTAT	5%
APPLIANCES	7%
INSULATION	4%
USE LESS ELECTRICITY	23%
NEW WINDOWS	11%
NEW FURNACE	3%
SCATTERED	3%

Thinking about another topic....

74. Are there areas in the City of Brooklyn Center where you do not feel safe?

YES	31%
NO	69%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=124)

75. In which areas do you not feel safe?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2%
RETAIL STORES	3%
RETAIL PARKING LOTS	11%
PARKS	4%
TRAILS	2%
EVERYWHERE	20%
APARTMENTS	5%
LOW INCOME HOUSING	13%
BUS TERMINAL	15%
BROOKDALE AREA	15%
WALMART AREA	2%
ANYWHERE AT NIGHT	4%
SCATTERED	4%

76. What would make you feel more safe?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4%
MORE POLICE PATROLS	47%
MORE STREET LIGHTS	8%
LESS DIVERSITY	2%
LESS LOW INCOME HOUSING	5%
REDUCE CRIME	28%
MORE PEOPLE OUT	2%
SIDEWALKS	2%
SCATTERED	2%

77. Do you feel safe walking alone at night in your immediate neighborhood?

YES	79%
NO	20%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%

78. Do you participate in Neighborhood Watch?

YES	35%
NO	65%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

79. How would you rate the amount of police patrolling in your neighborhood -- too much, about the right amount, or not enough?

TOO MUCH	1%
ABOUT RIGHT AMOUNT	78%
NOT ENOUGH	21%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

80. How would you rate the amount of traffic enforcement by the police in your neighborhood -- too much, about right amount, or not enough?

TOO MUCH	2%
ABOUT RIGHT AMOUNT	76%
NOT ENOUGH	21%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%

81. How serious a problem is traffic speeding in your neighborhood -- very serious, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not at all serious?

VERY SERIOUS	9%
SOMEWHAT SERIOUS	35%
NOT TOO SERIOUS	37%
NOT AT ALL SERIOUS	19%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	1%

82. Please tell me which one you consider to be the greatest concern in Brooklyn Center? If you feel that none of these problems are serious, just say so.

Violent crime	7%
Traffic speeding	12%
Traffic volume on residential streets	8%
Drugs	15%
Youth crimes and vandalism	14%
Identity theft	4%
Business crimes, such as shoplifting and check fraud	12%
Residential crimes, such as burglary, and theft	8%
Vandalism	5%
Pedestrian safety at traffic crossings and intersections	5%
ALL EQUALLY	3%
NONE OF THE ABOVE	5%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3%

IF "VIOLENT CRIME," ASK: (N=27)

83. What specific violent crime are you most concerned about?

MURDER, 7%; SHOOTINGS, 33%; CARJACKINGS, 19%; ASSAULT, 7%; ROBBERY, 15%; GANGS, 18%.

Continuing....

The Brooklyn Center park system is composed of larger community parks and smaller neighborhood parks, trails, community ballfields and the Community Center. For each of the following, which have you or members of your household used during the past year? For each one you or members of your household have used, please rate it as excellent, good, only fair, or poor.

		NOT USE	USE EXC	USE GOO	USE FAI	USE POO	DK/ REF
84.	Trails?	31%	25%	36%	8%	0%	0%
85.	Community Center?	46%	16%	36%	3%	0%	0%
86.	Football fields?	79%	5%	14%	3%	0%	0%
87.	Baseball or softball fields?	75%	6%	17%	3%	0%	0%
88.	Soccer fields?	76%	10%	12%	2%	0%	0%
89.	Ice rinks?	77%	9%	13%	2%	0%	0%
90.	Tennis courts?	76%	8%	14%	2%	0%	0%
91.	Basketball courts?	74%	9%	14%	4%	0%	0%
92.	The "Blue Barn," the youth recreation center?	79%	8%	12%	1%	0%	0%
93.	Larger community parks?	41%	16%	41%	3%	0%	0%
94.	Smaller neighborhood parks?	38%	15%	42%	6%	0%	0%

IF RESPONDENT USES LARGER COMMUNITY PARKS OR SMALLER NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, ASK: (N=271)

		NOT USE	USE EXC	USE GOO	USE FAI	USE POO	DK/ REF
95.	Playground equipment?	28%	13%	48%	10%	1%	0%

96. Which park, if any do you consider to be your neighborhood park?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....15%
EVERGREEN.....7%
CENTENNIAL.....19%
BELLVUE.....15%
PALMER LAKE.....10%
HAPPY HOLLOW.....8%
WILLOW LANE.....7%
KYLAWN.....7%
NORTHPORT.....6%
SCATTERED.....6%

IF A PARK IS MENTIONED, ASK: (N=340)

97. What improvements, if any, would like to see made to the park?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....3%
NONE.....24%
BETTER MAINTENANCE.....12%
UPDATED EQUIPMENT.....16%
PICNIC TABLES.....10%
MORE LIGHTS.....21%
MORE RESTROOMS.....12%
SCATTERED.....2%

98. Are you aware the City runs the Centerbrook Golf Course? (IF "YES," ASK:) Have you or members of your household played the golf course during the past two years?

NO.....53%
YES/YES.....15%
YES/NO.....32%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES/YES," ASK: (N=59)

99. How would you rate your experience at Centerbrook Golf Course -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....15%
GOOD.....80%
ONLY FAIR.....5%
POOR.....0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES/NO," ASK: (N=129)

100. Why have you not used the Centerbrook Golf Course?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%
NOT INTERESTED.....20%
DON'T PLAY GOLF.....57%
NO TIME.....4%
AGE/HEALTH.....17%

101. In general, do you feel that existing recreational facilities offered by the City meet the needs of you and your household?

YES	95%
NO	2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=7)

102. What additional recreational facilities would you like to see the City offer its residents?

BASKETBALL COURTS, 14%; OUTDOOR POOL, 14%; CONNECT TRAILS, 29%; PICKLEBALL COURTS, 43%.

103. Have you or members of your household participated in any City park and recreation programs?

YES	29%
NO	71%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=117)

104. Which ones?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%
SWIMMING	3%
BASEBALL/SOFTBALL	13%
SOCCER	15%
GYMNASTICS	5%
DANCE	3%
FITNESS CLASSES	15%
COMMUNITY EVENTS	13%
YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM	10%
SENIOR PROGRAM	7%
BASKETBALL	11%
MULTIPLE SPORTS	4%
ADULT SPORTS	2%

105. How would you rate the quality of the programs -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT	38%
GOOD	58%
ONLY FAIR	3%
POOR	0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	2%

106. Does the current mix of City park and recreation programming meet the needs of your household?

YES	96%
NO	1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	4%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=2)

107. What programs do you feel are lacking?

PRESCHOOLERS, 100%.

108. Do you or members of your household currently leave the city to use park and recreation facilities? (IF "YES," ASK:) What facility would that be?

NO, 89%; OUTDOOR POOL, 2%; TRAILS, 2%; COMMUNITY CENTER, 2%; SCATTERED, 5%.

109. Do you or members of your household currently leave the city to participate in park and recreation activities? (IF "YES," ASK:) What activity would that be?

NO, 92%; WALK/BIKE, 2%; SCATTERED, 6%.

110. Do you engage in physical activity or exercise on a regular basis?

YES.....53%
NO.....47%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=211)

111. How many minutes a week do you typically engage in physical activity or exercise?

60 MINUTES OR LESS.....27%
61 TO 90 MINUTES.....26%
91 TO 12O MINUTES.....16%
MORE THAN 120 MINUTES..32%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

112. For each of the following activities, please tell me which one you participate in most often? (ROTATE AND READ LIST)

113. Which one do you participate in the second most often? (RE-READ LIST IF NECESSARY, OMITTING FIRST CHOICE)

	FIRST	SECOND
WALKING	48%	16%
JOGGING/RUNNING	15%	13%
BIKING	12%	27%
SWIMMING	1%	18%
TENNIS	1%	3%
DANCING	2%	1%
FITNESS CLASSES/WORKING OUT A FITNESS CENTER	12%	8%
TEAM SPORTS	9%	8%
ELSE	0%	2%
NONE (VOL.)	0%	5%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%	0%

114. What is your principal source of information about parks and recreation programs and facilities in the City of Brooklyn Center?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%
NONE	3%
CITY NEWSLETTER	38%
CITY WEBSITE	19%
LOCAL NEWSPAPER	2%
PARK AND REC CATALOG	19%
WORD OF MOUTH	8%
FLYERS	7%
FACEBOOK	4%

Moving on....

115. How satisfied are you with your level of involvement in activities and meetings in your neighborhood and the city -- very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

VERY SATISFIED	34%
SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	60%
SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	2%
VERY DISSATISFIED	2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	3%

IF "SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED" OR "VERY DISSATISFIED," ASK: (N=13)

116. What could the City do to help you become more involved?

UNSURE, 31%; POLICE PRESENCE, 15%; NOTHING, 31%; IMPLEMENT RESIDENT'S IDEAS, 15%; MORE OPPORTUNITIES, 8%.

As you may know, the populations of most inner ring suburban areas are becoming more diverse in terms of age, household income, race, and ethnicity.

117. In general, do you think that growing population diversity is a good thing or a bad thing for the community?

GOOD THING.....61%
BAD THING.....6%
BOTH (VOL).....29%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....4%

IF A RESPONSE IS GIVEN, ASK: (N=270)

118. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?

GOOD THING:
BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER, 22%
BRINGS NEW IDEAS/SOLUTIONS, 16%
LEARN ABOUT OTHER CULTURES, 13%
ECONOMIC GROWTH, 13%
DIVERSE COMMUNITY EVENTS, 7%
MORE WORKERS, 6%
WAY OF THE WORLD, 6%
DIVERSE BUSINESSES, 5%
MORE COMFORTABLE AROUND DIVERSE PEOPLE, 3%

BAD THING:
BRINGS CRIME, 5%
RACIAL TENSIONS, 2%

UNSURE, 1%
SCATTERED, 2%.

119. Currently, how well prepared do you think the community is to meet the growing diversity of residents -- very well, somewhat well, not too well, or not at all well?

VERY WELL.....26%
SOMEWHAT WELL.....58%
NOT TOO WELL.....4%
NOT AT ALL WELL.....1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....10%

IF "NOT TOO WELL" OR "NOT AT ALL WELL," ASK: (N=22)

120. Could you tell me one or two reasons why you feel that way?

UNSURE, 5%; TOO MUCH DIVERSITY, 9%; LACK OF TRANSPORTATION, 9%; LACK OF ENTRY LEVEL JOBS, 9%; LACK OF DIVERSE EVENTS, 23%; TOO MANY LOW INCOME RESIDENTS, 14%; LACK OF JOB TRAINING, 9%; TOO MUCH CRIME, 23%.

Changing topics....

121. Other than voting, do you feel that if you wanted to, you could have a say in the way the City of Brooklyn Center runs things?

YES.....85%
NO 10%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....5%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=41)

122. Why do you feel that way?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
DON'T LISTEN.....76%
DON'T KNOW HOW.....20%
DON'T FEEL SAFE.....5%

123. How much do you feel you know about the work of the Mayor and City Council -- a great deal, a fair amount, very little, or none at all?

A GREAT DEAL.....7%
A FAIR AMOUNT.....40%
VERY LITTLE.....38%
NONE AT ALL.....15%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

124. From what you know, do you approve or disapprove of the job the Mayor and City Council are doing? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you feel strongly that way?

STRONGLY APPROVE.....11%
APPROVE.....71%
DISAPPROVE.....7%
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE.....2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....10%

125. How much first hand contact have you had with the Brooklyn Center City staff -- quite a lot, some, very little, or none?

QUITE A LOT.....2%
SOME.....34%
VERY LITTLE.....42%
NONE.....23%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

126. From what you have heard or seen, how would you rate the job performance of the Brooklyn Center City staff -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....10%
GOOD.....70%
ONLY FAIR.....13%
POOR.....1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....7%

127. During the past year, have you contacted Brooklyn Center City Hall?

YES.....28%
NO.....72%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=111)

128. On your last telephone call or visit, which Department did you contact -- the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Community Center, Housing and Property Maintenance, Park and Recreation, Building Inspections, Engineering, Planning, Administration, the Assessor's Office, the Finance Department, or the General Information Desk receptionist?

POLICE DEPARTMENT	8%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	3%
PUBLIC WORKS	5%
COMMUNITY CENTER	10%
HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINT	14%
PARK AND REC	12%
BUILDING INSPECT	3%
ENGINEERING	2%
PLANNING	1%
ADMINISTRATION	6%
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	8%
FINANCE DEPT	1%
GENERAL INFORMATION	28%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

Thinking about your last contact with the City, for each of the following characteristics, please rate the service as excellent, good, only fair, or poor....

	EXC	GOO	FAI	POO	DKR
129. Waiting time for the receptionist to help you?	23%	63%	13%	2%	0%
130. Courtesy of city staff?	34%	60%	5%	2%	0%
131. Ease of obtaining the service you needed?	31%	49%	14%	7%	0%

Moving on.....

132. What is your principal source of information about the Brooklyn Center City Government and its activities?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%
NONE	4%
CITY WEBSITE	28%
LOCAL NEWSPAPER	12%
CABLE TELEVISION	2%
CITY NEWSLETTER	42%
WORD OF MOUTH	9%
SCATTERED	3%

133. How would you prefer to receive information about the Brooklyn Center City Government and its activities?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
NONE.....1%
CITY WEBSITE.....26%
LOCAL NEWSPAPER.....12%
CABLE TELEVISION.....2%
CITY NEWSLETTER.....47%
WORD OF MOUTH.....5%
E-MAIL BLASTS.....4%
FACEBOOK.....2%
SCATTERED.....2%

134. Do you receive the "Sun Post" newspaper?

YES.....46%
NO.....54%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

135. During the past year, did you receive "City Watch," the City's quarterly newsletter?

YES.....71%
NO 29%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=283)

136. Do you or any members of your household regularly read it?

YES.....85%
NO 15%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

137. Do you have access to the Internet at home? (WAIT FOR RESPONSE) Do you have access to the Internet at work?

HOME ONLY.....29%
WORK ONLY.....0%
BOTH.....64%
NEITHER.....8%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=369)

138. How do you connect to the internet at home--on a dial-up modem, DSL, Comcast Cable High Speed Internet, cellular wireless, or some other way? (IF "OTHER," ASK:) How?

YES/DIAL-UP.....0%
YES/DSL.....10%
YES/COMCAST CABLE.....51%
YES/CELLULAR WIRELESS..37%
YES/SOME OTHER WAY.....2%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

139. Have you accessed the City's website?

YES.....60%
NO.....40%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=220)

140. Were you able to find what you were looking for?

YES	94%
NO	6%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	0%

141. What information would you like to see on the City of Brooklyn Center's website?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	15%
NONE/FINE AS IS	33%
CRIME STATISTICS	11%
GENERAL INFORMATION	15%
COUNCIL INFORMATION	2%
DEVELOPMENT NEWS	7%
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	5%
PARK AND REC	11%
SCATTERED	1%

142. What additional features or tools would you like to see on the city's website?

UNSURE, 16%; NOTHING, 75%; MORE USER FRIENDLY, 2%; CITY EVENTS CALENDAR, 2%; CRIME STATISTICS, 2%; SCATTERE, 3%.

I would like to ask you about social media sources. For each one, tell me if you currently use that source of information; then, for each you currently use, tell me if you would be likely or unlikely to use it to obtain information about the City of Brooklyn Center.

	NOT USE	USE LIK	USE NLK	DK/ REF
143. Facebook?	20%	69%	10%	2%
144. Twitter?	68%	22%	8%	2%
145. YouTube?	46%	35%	18%	2%
146. Instagram?	60%	26%	12%	2%
147. Next Door?	59%	34%	6%	2%
148. GovDelivery?	86%	9%	4%	2%
149. Blogs?	82%	13%	4%	2%
150. Podcasts?	74%	20%	5%	2%
151. E-mail blasts?	74%	21%	3%	2%
152. Text blasts?	69%	23%	7%	2%

153. How do you receive emergency alerts?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
DON'T RECEIVE.....5%
TELEVISION.....20%
RADIO.....2%
TELEPHONE.....67%
CODE RED.....1%
FACEBOOK.....5%
TWITTER.....1%

154. How would you rate the City's overall performance in communicating key local issues to residents in its publications, on the website, and on cable television -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....11%
GOOD.....77%
ONLY FAIR.....11%
POOR.....1%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

Now, just a few more questions for demographic purposes....

Could you please tell me how many people in each of the following age groups live in your household.

155. Persons 65 or over?

NONE.....76%
ONE.....12%
TWO OR MORE.....12%

156. Adults under 65?

NONE.....18%
ONE.....22%
TWO.....50%
THREE OR MORE.....11%

157. School-aged children and preschoolers?

NONE.....64%
ONE.....14%
TWO.....16%
THREE OR MORE.....7%

IF CHILDREN ARE PRESENT, ASK: (N=146)

158. Have your children participated in any city recreation activities or education programs during the past the two years?

YES.....61%
NO.....37%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....2%

IF "YES," ASK: (N=89)

159. How would you rate your children's experience -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

EXCELLENT.....37%
GOOD.....61%
ONLY FAIR.....1%
POOR.....0%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....1%

IF "NO," ASK: (N=53)

160. Why have your children not participated in any city recreation activities or education programs?

DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%
TOO YOUNG.....17%
NOT CONVENIENT TIMES....9%
TOO BUSY.....19%
NOT INTERESTED.....51%
GO ELSEWHERE.....4%

161. Do you own or rent your present residence?

OWN.....61%
RENT.....39%
REFUSED.....0%

162. What is your age, please? (READ CATEGORIES, IF NEEDED)

18-24.....8%
25-34.....21%
35-44.....18%
45-54.....16%
55-64.....16%
65 AND OVER.....22%
REFUSED.....0%

163. Which of the following categories represents your ethnicity -- White, African-American, Hispanic-Latino, Asian-Pacific Islander, Native American, or something else? (IF "SOMETHING ELSE," ASK:) What would that be?

WHITE.....38%
AFRICAN-AMERICAN.....31%
HISPANIC-LATINO.....14%
ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLAND...14%
NATIVE AMERICAN.....1%
SOMETHING ELSE.....0%
MULTI/BI-RACIAL.....3%
DON'T KNOW.....0%
REFUSED.....0%

164. Were you born and raised in the United States? (IF "NO," ASK:) How long have you been in the United States?

YES.....83%
LESS THAN ONE YEAR.....0%
ONE TO TWO YEARS.....0%
THREE TO FIVE YEARS.....2%
OVER FIVE YEARS.....15%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

And now, for one final question, keeping in mind that your answers are held strictly confidential....

165. Thinking about your household finances, how would you describe your financial situation, would you say that --
A) Your monthly expenses are exceeding your income;
B) You are meeting your monthly expenses but are putting aside little or no savings;
C) You are managing comfortably while putting some money aside;
D) Managing very well?

STATEMENT A.....6%
STATEMENT B.....46%
STATEMENT C.....35%
STATEMENT D.....13%
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED.....0%

166. What is your gender identity?

MALE.....50%
FEMALE.....49%
NON-BINARY.....1%
REFUSED.....0%

167. REGION OF CITY

PRECINCT 1.....15%
PRECINCT 2.....13%
PRECINCT 3.....15%
PRECINCT 4.....17%
PRECINCT 5.....20%
PRECINCT 6.....21%

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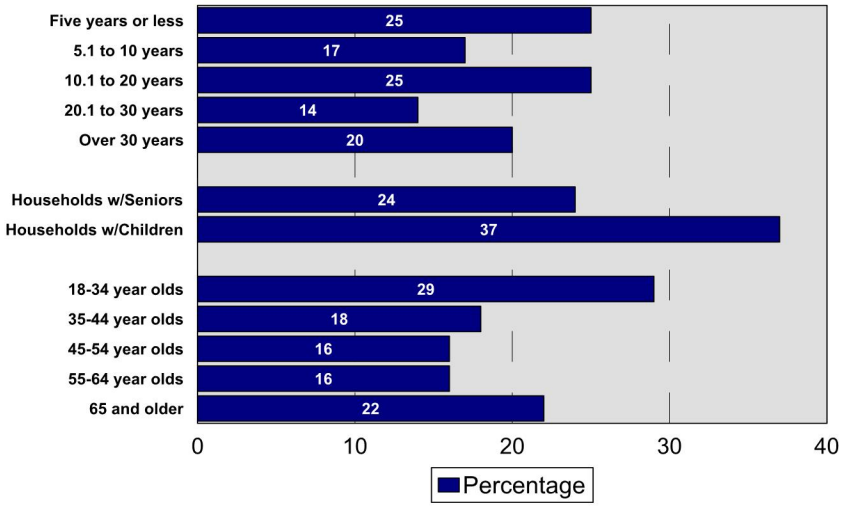
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- 400 random household sample of Brooklyn Center residents
- Telephone interviews conducted between July 11th and 28th, 2023
- Average interview time of 18 minutes
- Non-response level of 5.5%
- Projectable within +/- 5.0% in 95 out of 100 cases
- Cellphone Only Households: 57%
- Landline Only Households: 10%
- Both Landline and Cellphone Households: 33%

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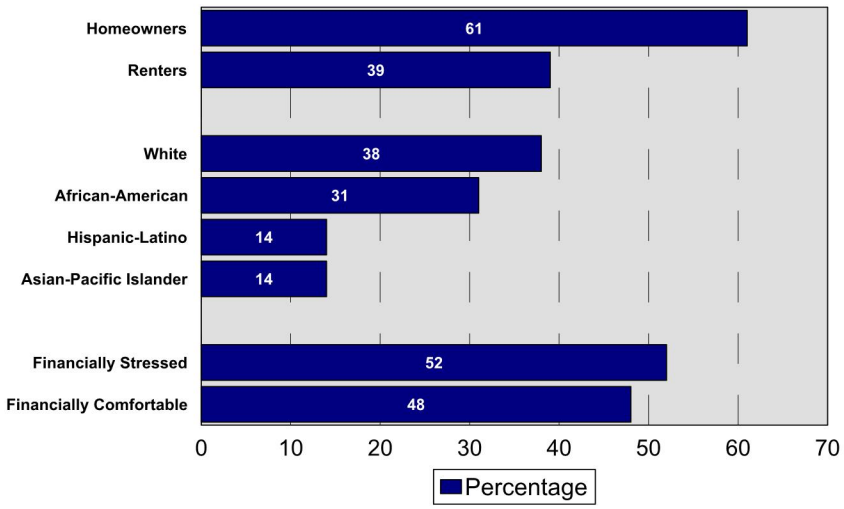
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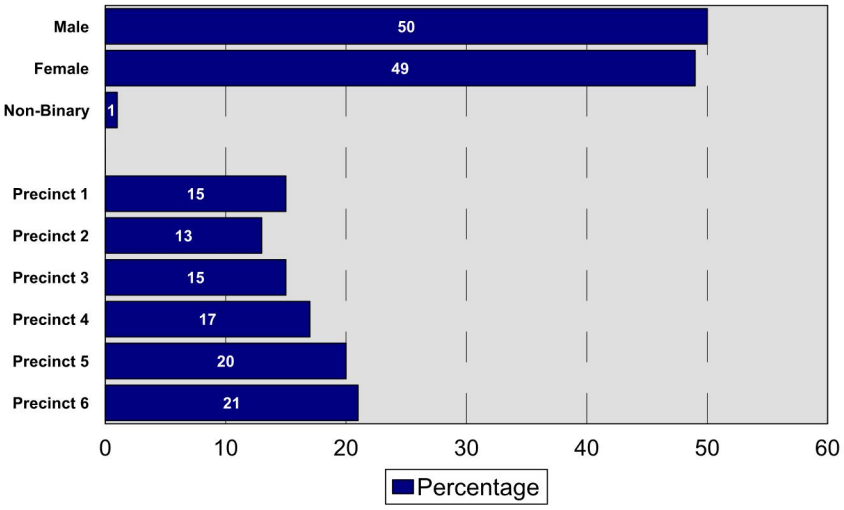
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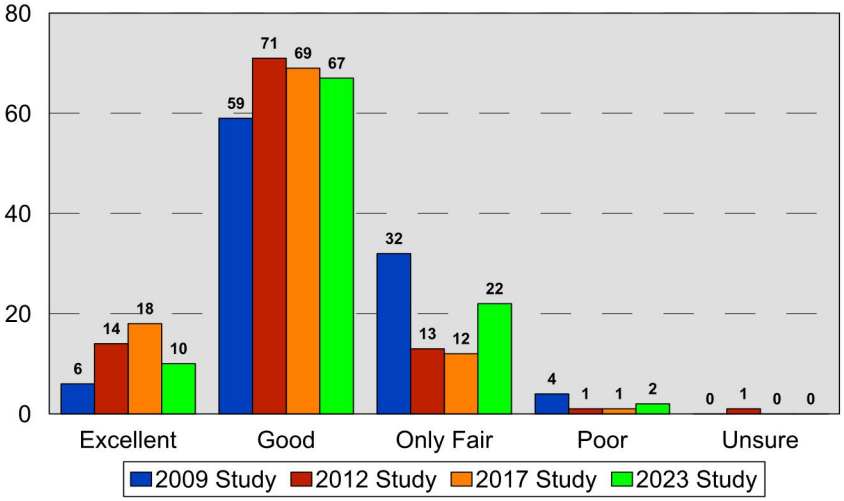
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Quality of Life

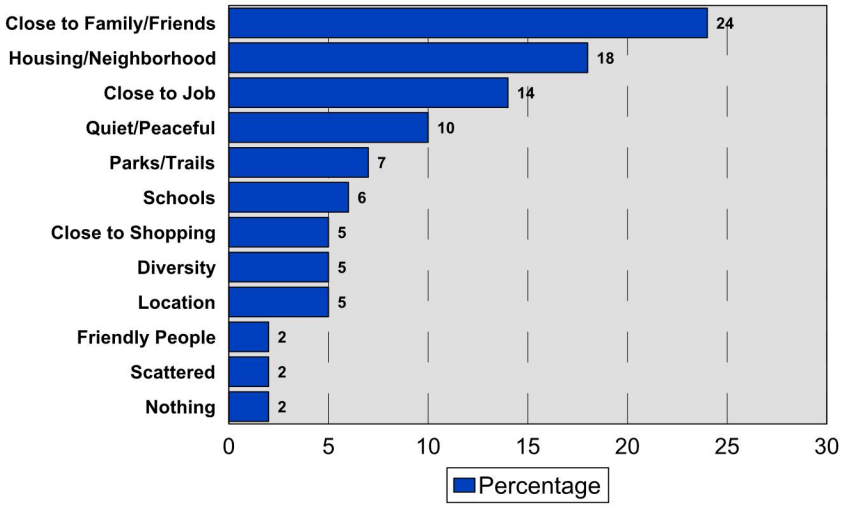
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Like Most about City

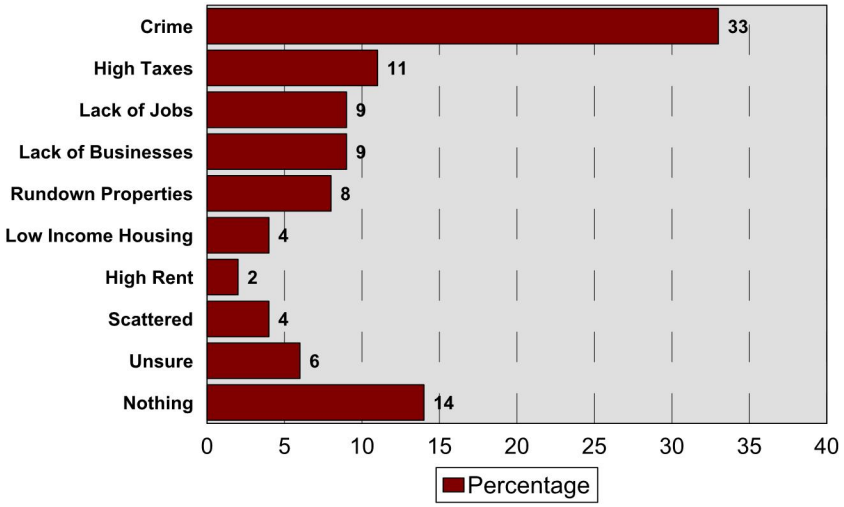
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Most Serious Issue

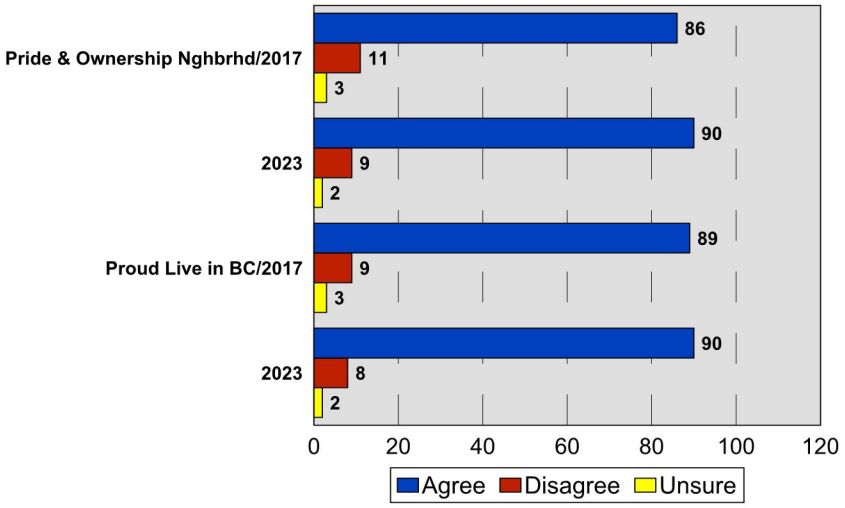
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Community/Neighborhood Pride

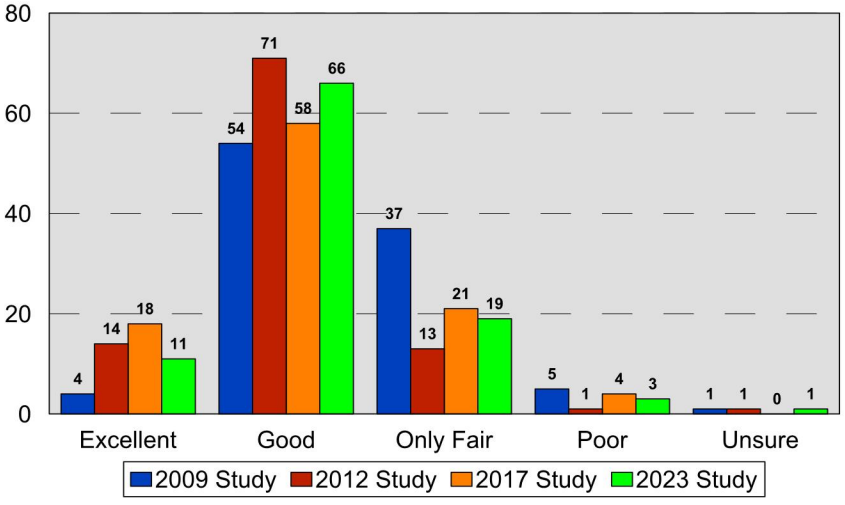
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Community Identity/Neighborliness

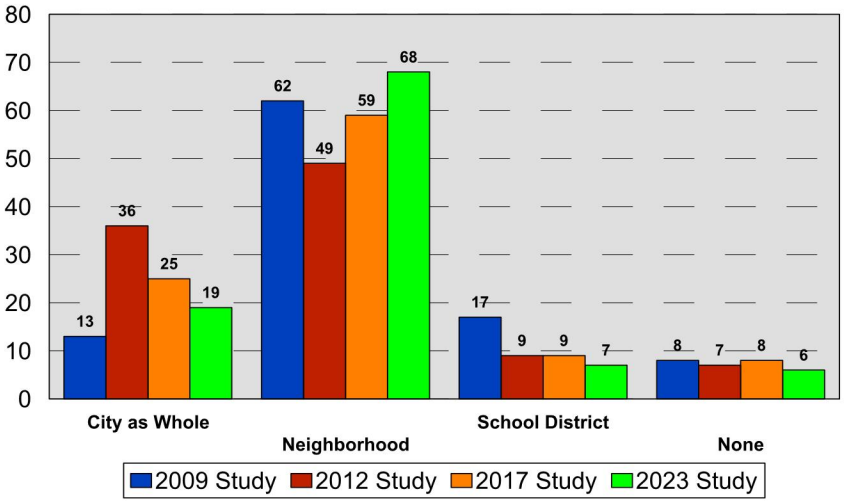
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Closer Connection

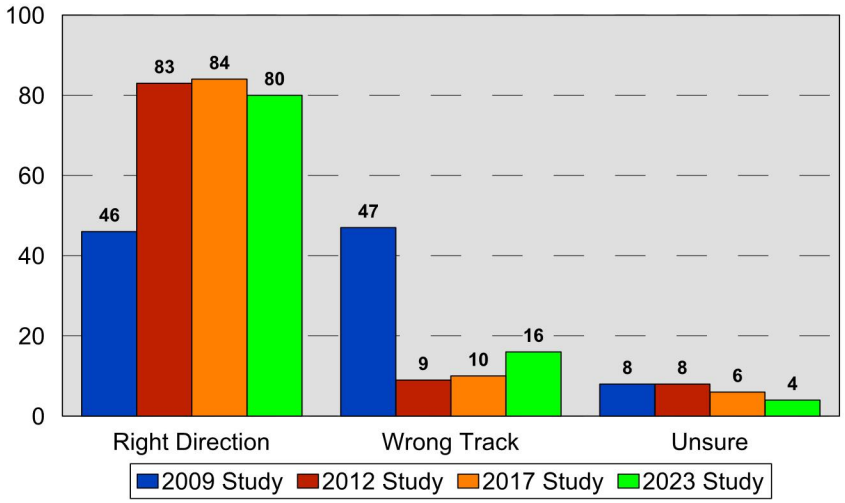
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Direction of City

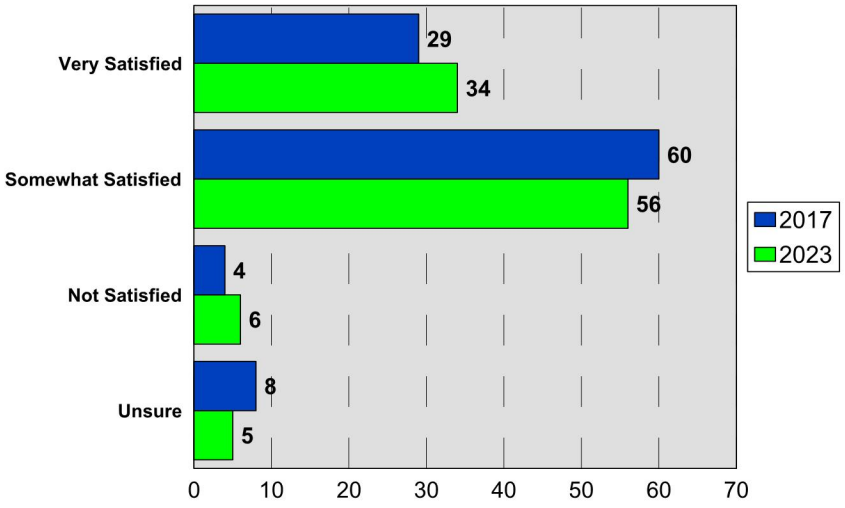
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Number of Opportunities to Participate

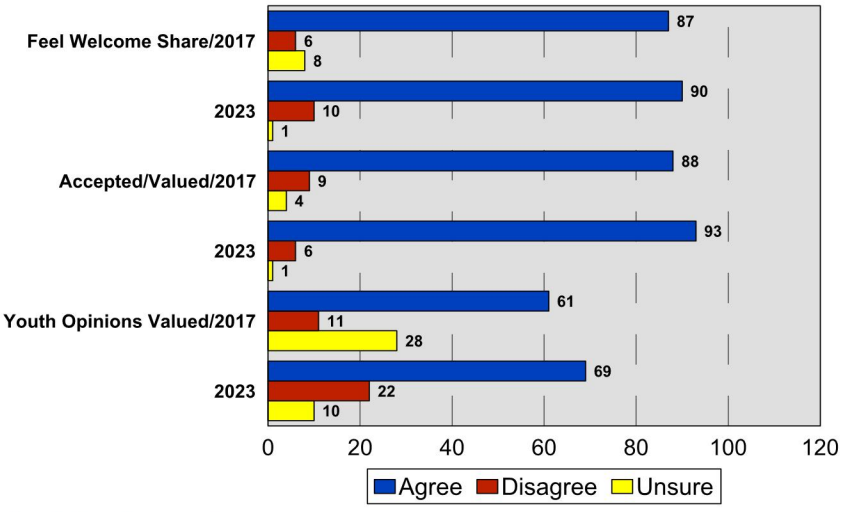
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City Attributes

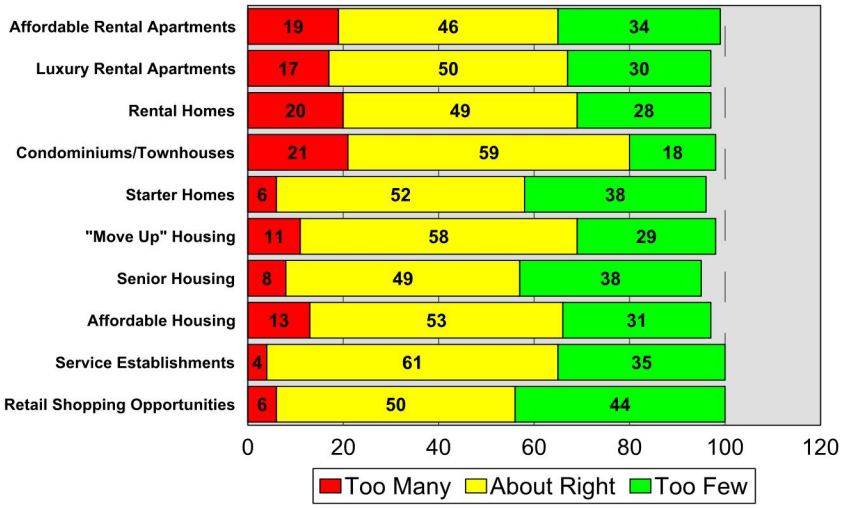
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Community Characteristics

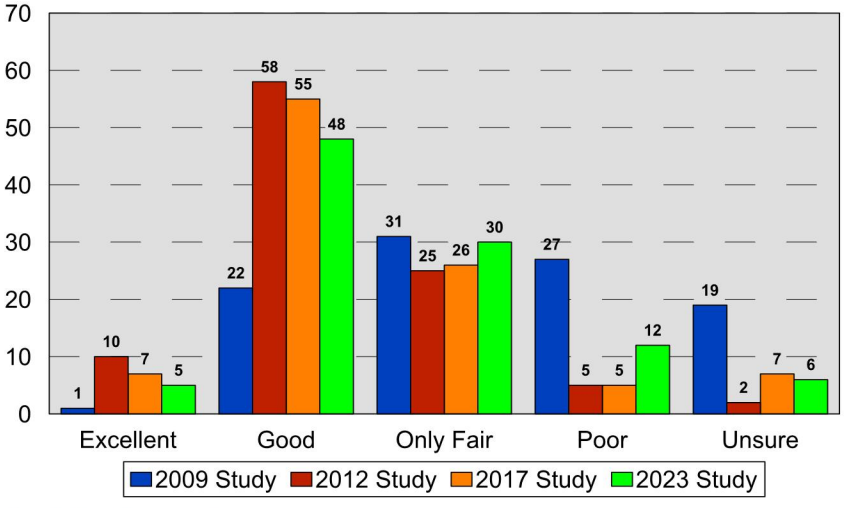
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General Redevelopment

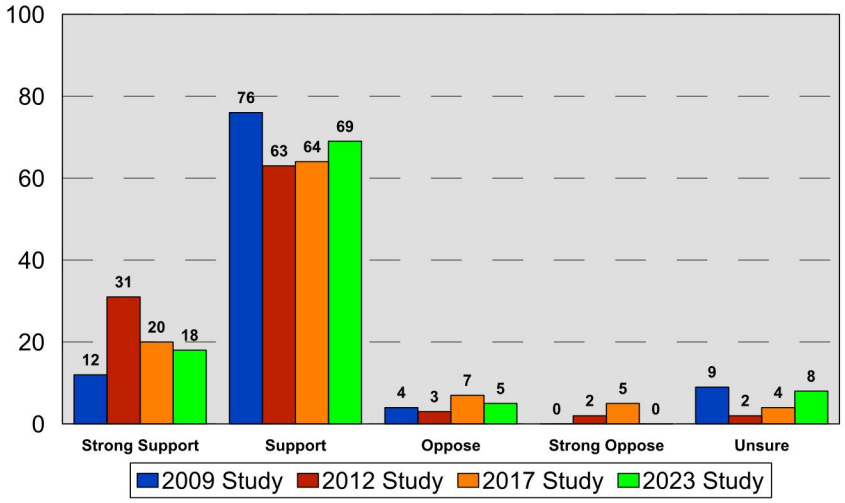
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Continued Redevelopment

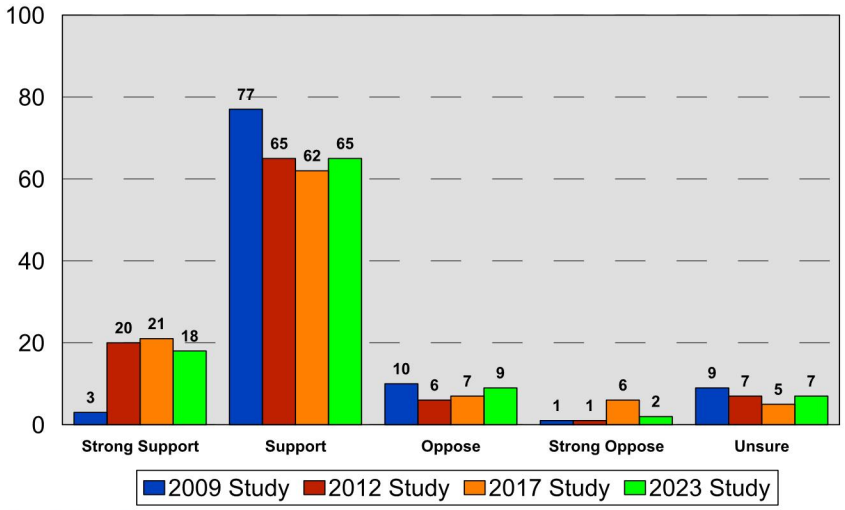
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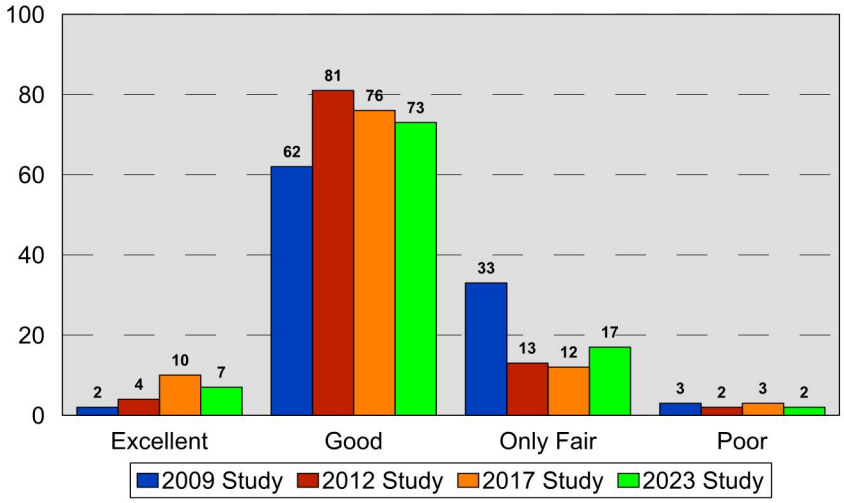
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Condition/Appearance of Homes

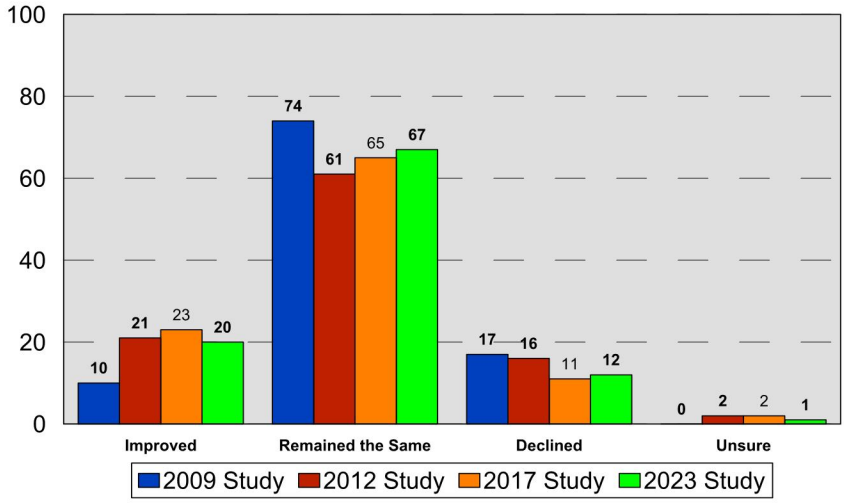
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Neighborhood Appearance Past Two Years

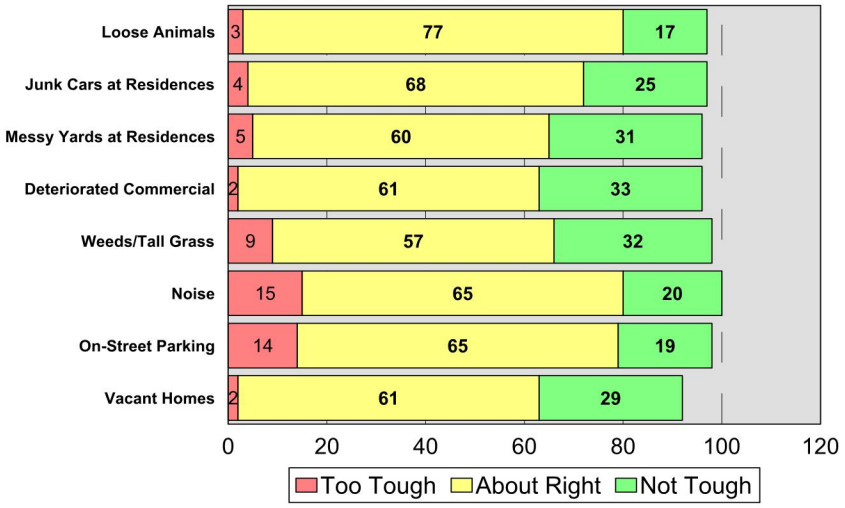
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Code Enforcement

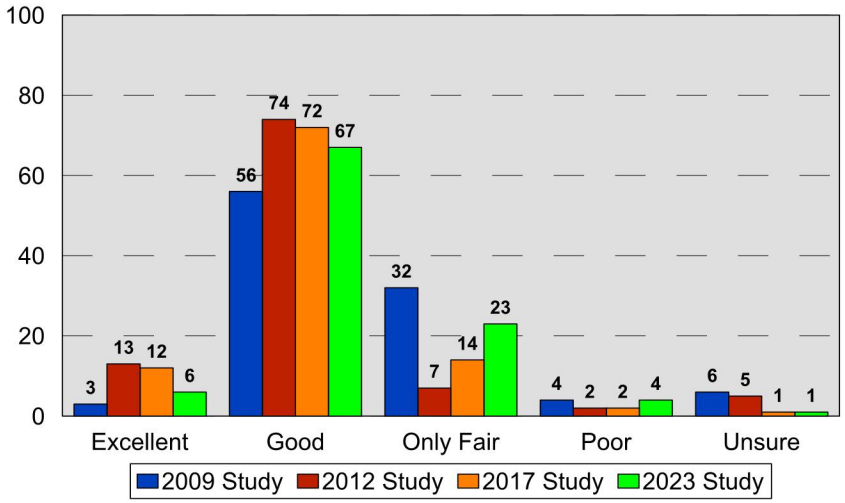
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Quality of Lakes, Streams and Rivers

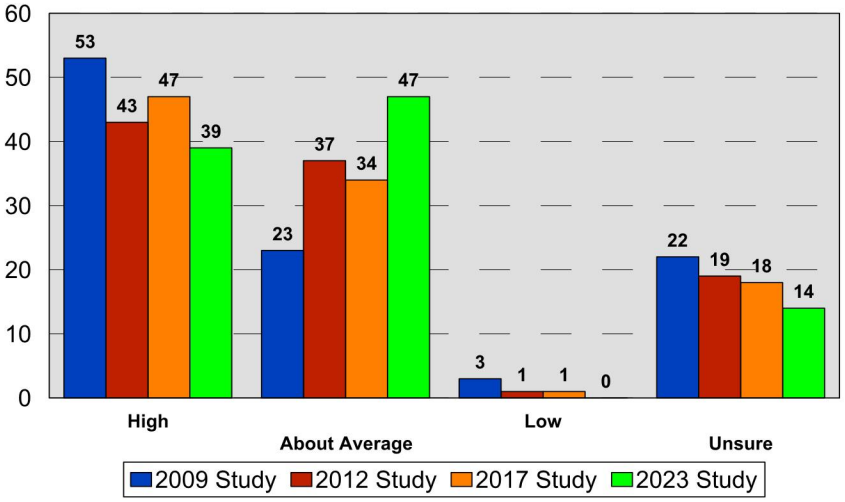
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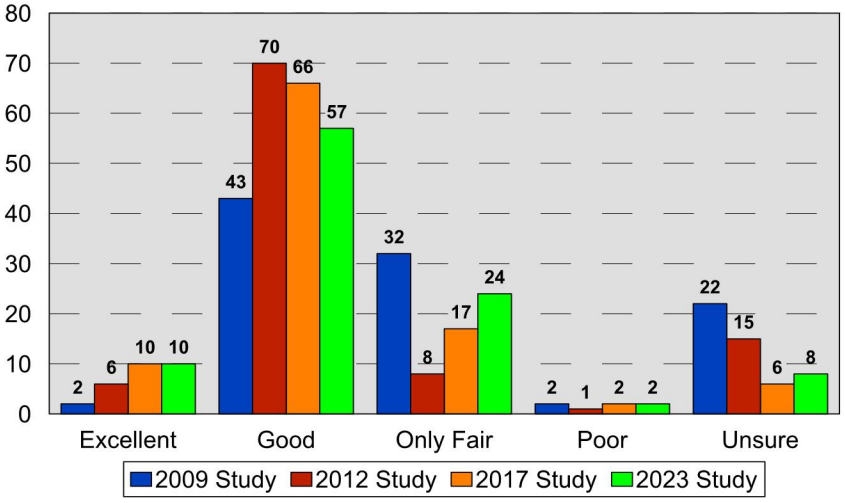
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Value of City Services

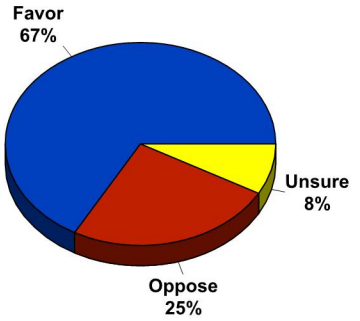
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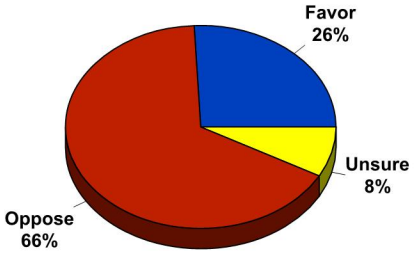
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City Property Tax Increase

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Maintain City Service Levels

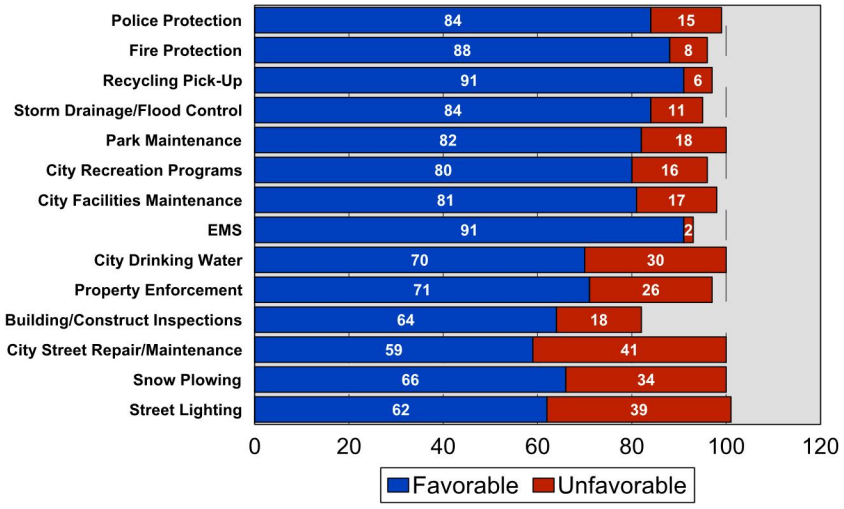


Enhance Current and Offer Additional

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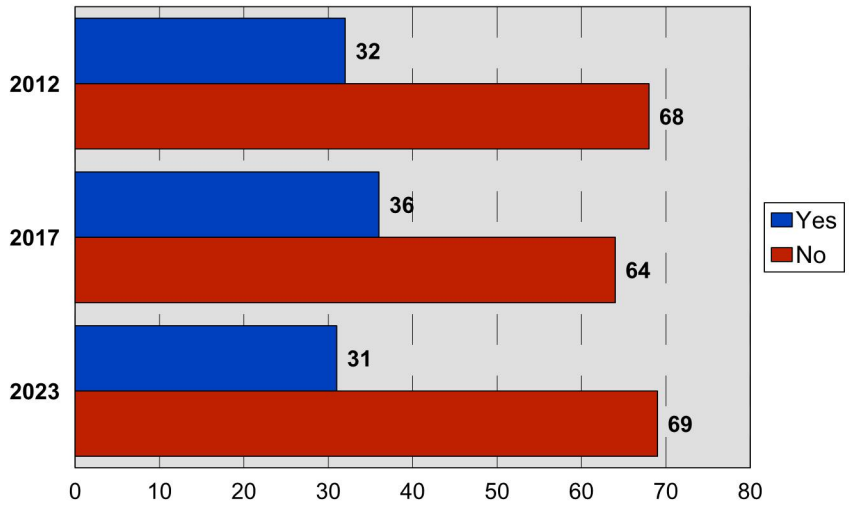
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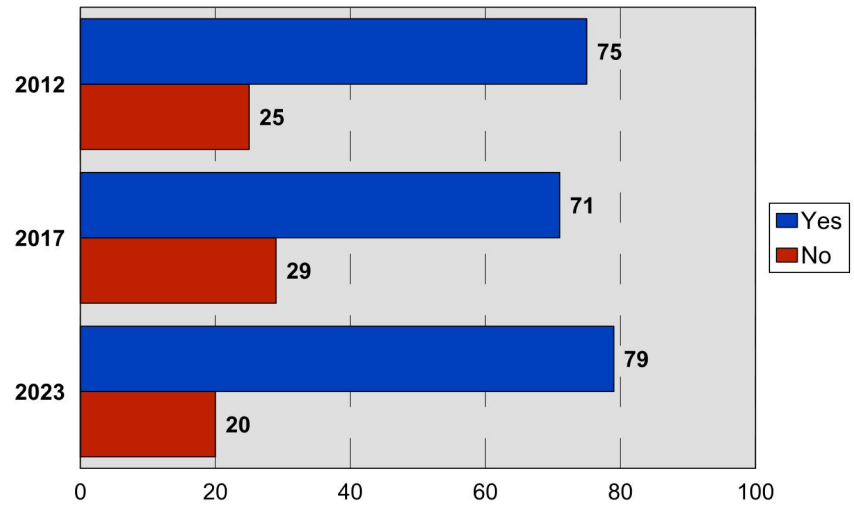
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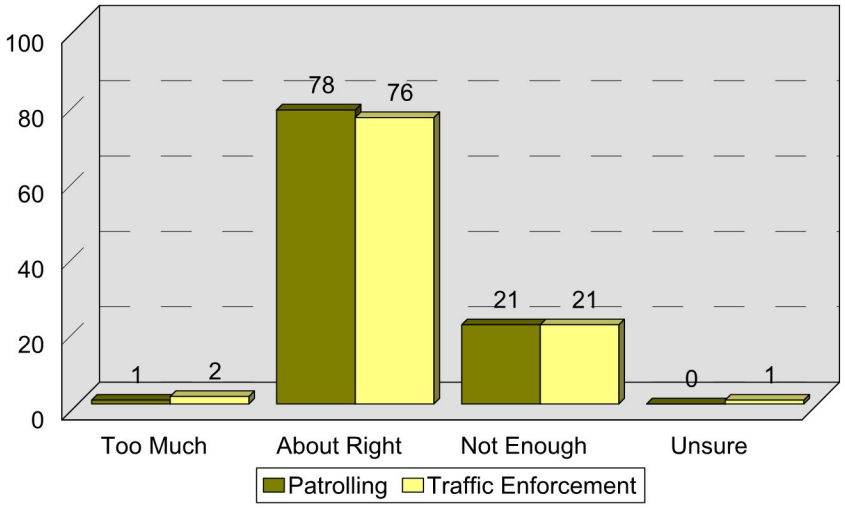
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Neighborhood Safety Issues

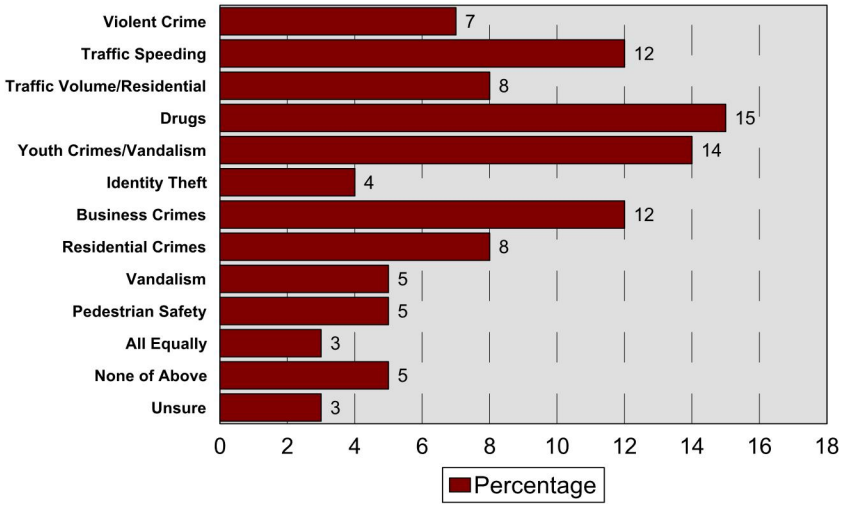
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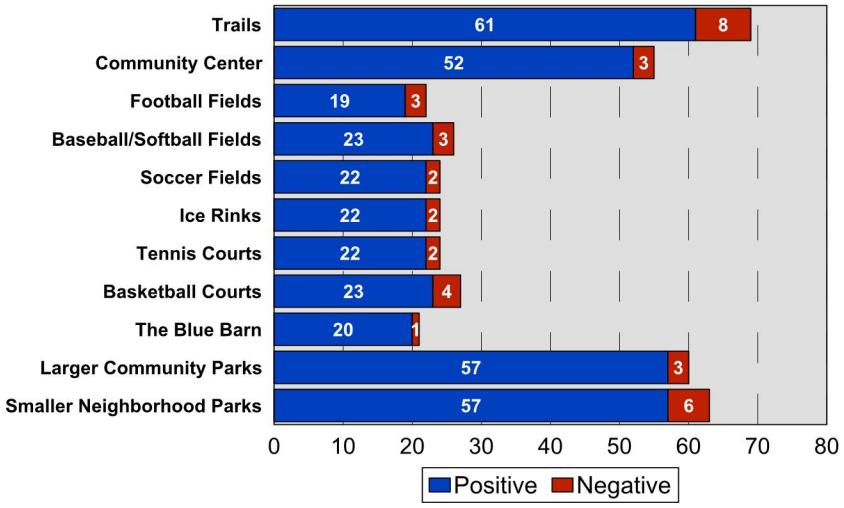
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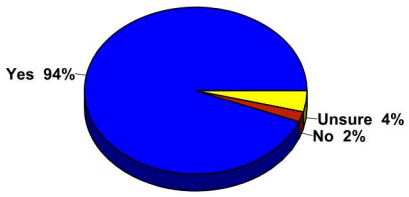
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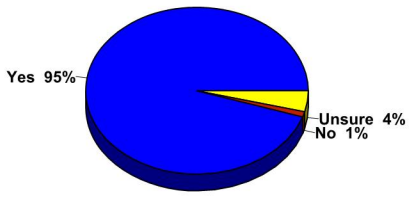
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Meet Needs of Households

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Recreational Facilities



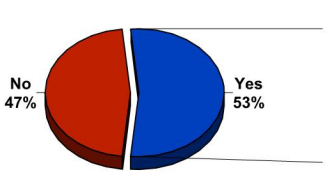
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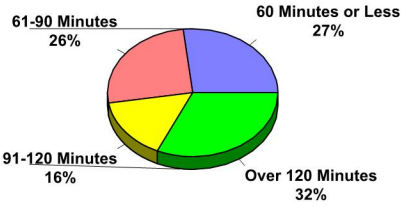
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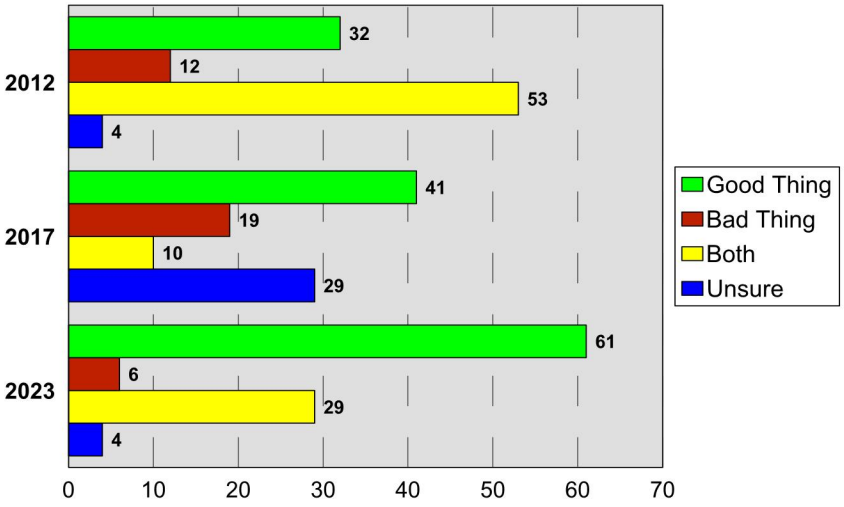


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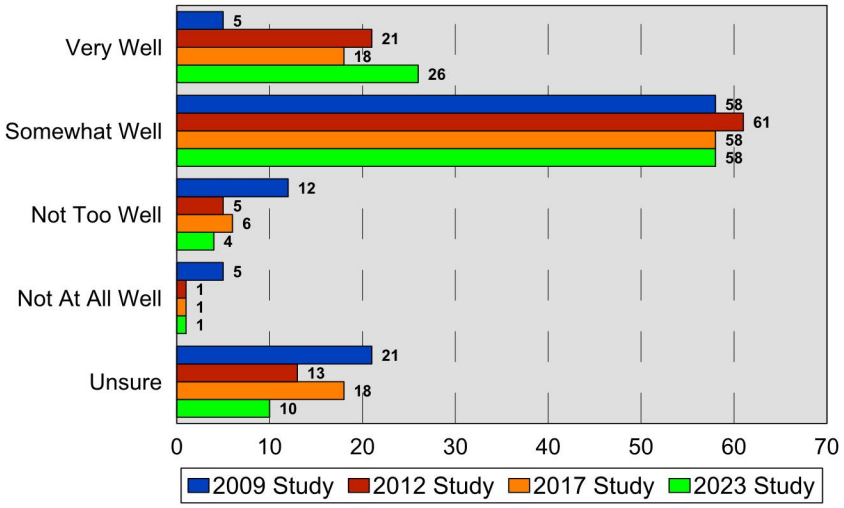
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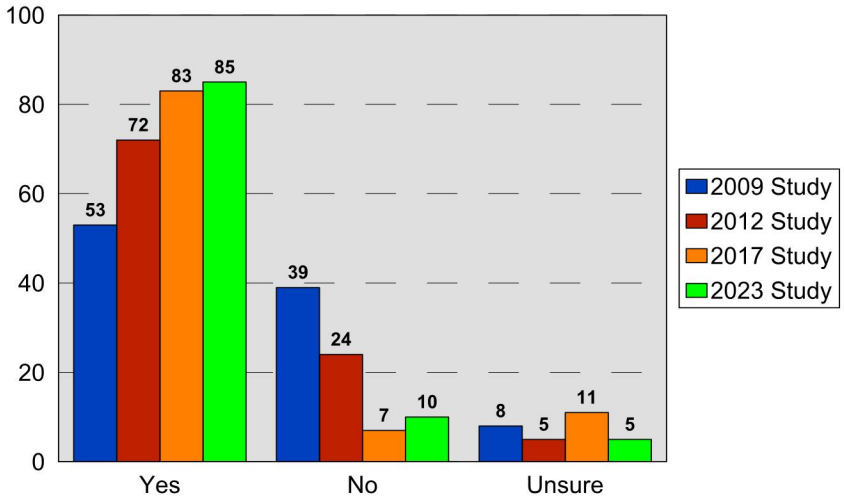
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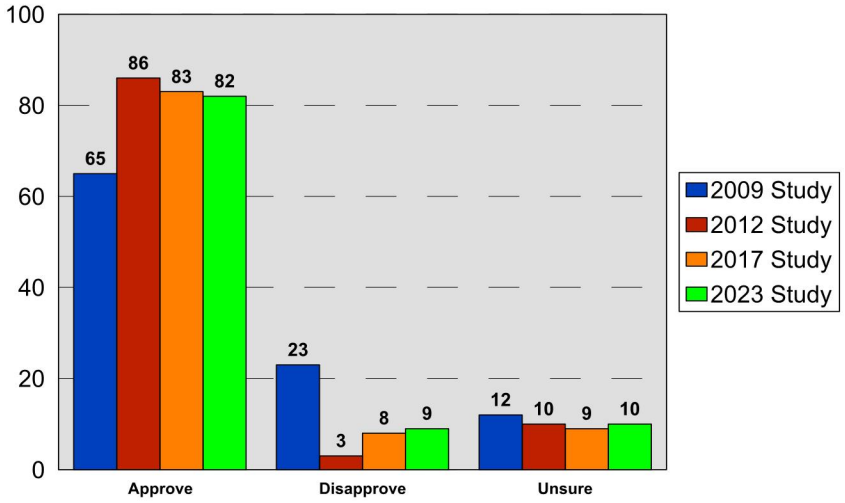
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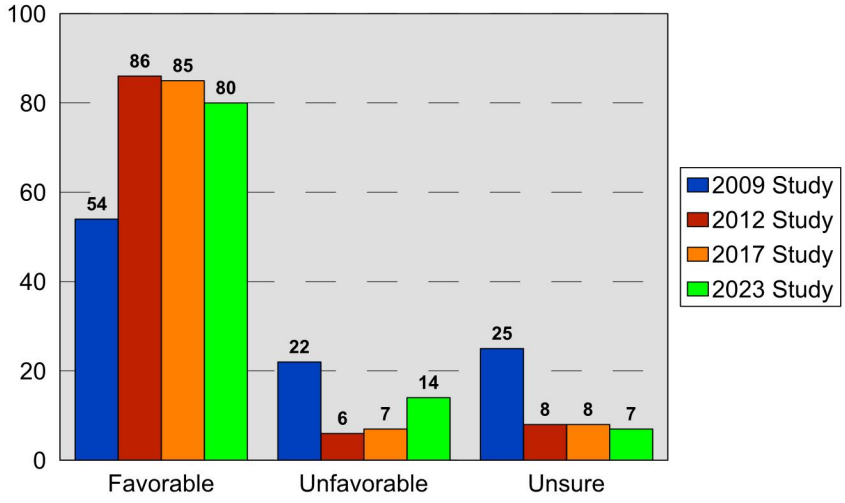
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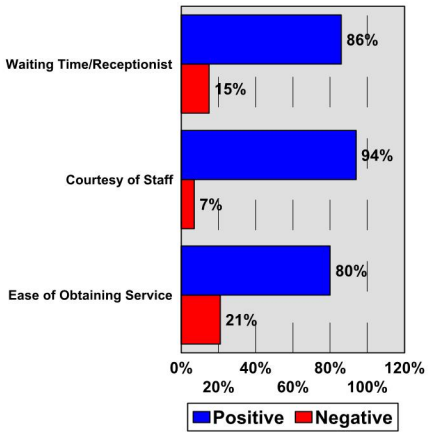
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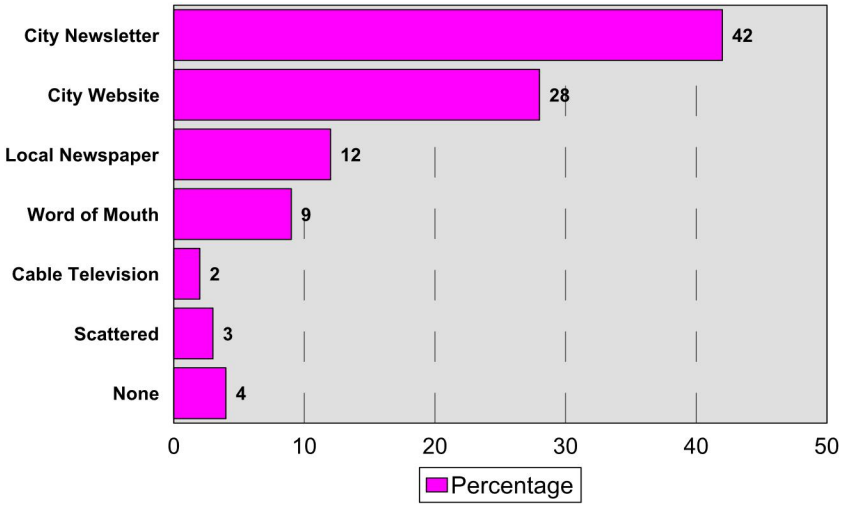


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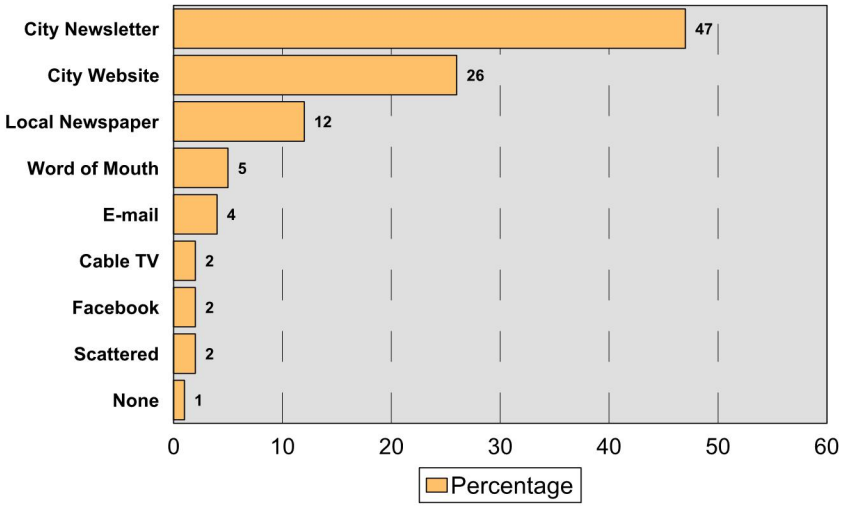
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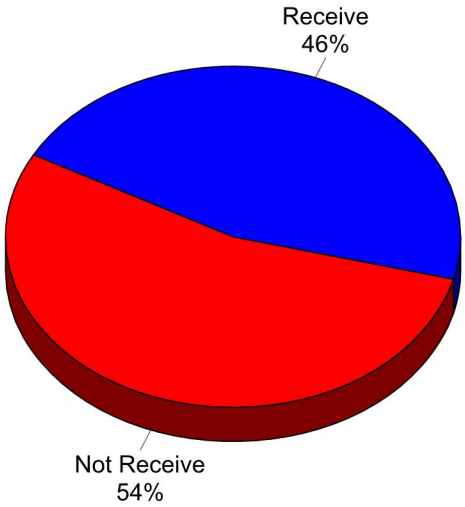
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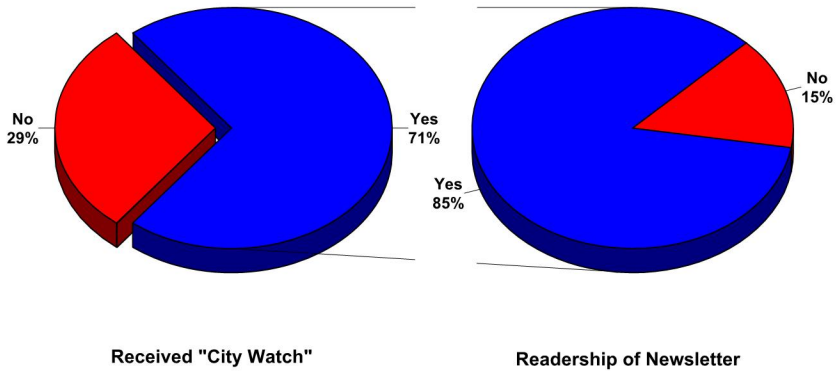
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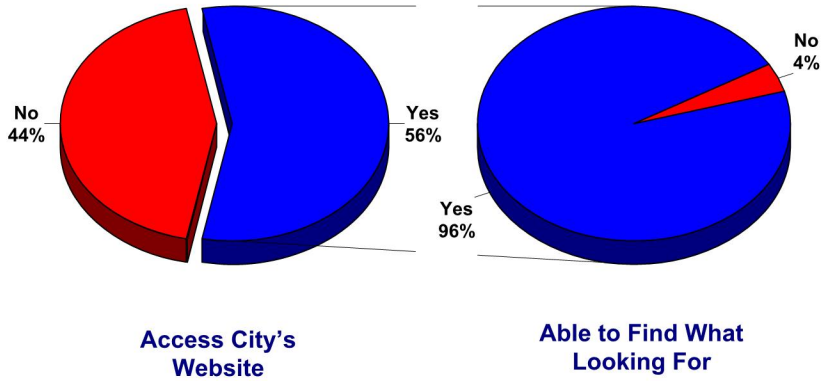
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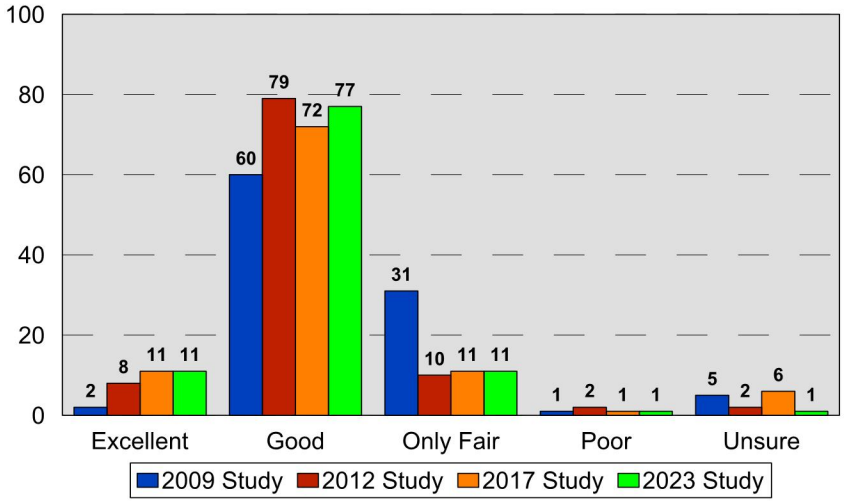
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Communicating Local Issues

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Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 8/14/2023

TO: City Council
FROM: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager
THROUGH: Jesse Anderson, Community Development Director
BY: Jason Aarsvold, EDA Project Management - Ehlers

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting an Application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to Receive 4D(1) Classification for Certain Property in the City

Requested Council Action:

- *Motion to approve a resolution supporting an application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to receive 4d(1) classification for certain property in the city.*

Background:

On May 8, 2023, the City Council and EDA approved creation of a new TIF district and held a public hearing regarding the sale of land owned by the EDA for the Wangstad Commons housing development. On July 10, 2023 the EDA approved a TIF Assistance Agreement between the EDA and Wangstad Commons LLLP for the project.

The Wangstad Commons project's financial feasibility and approved TIF assistance assume that the project will qualify for the 4d property tax classification rate. The Minnesota property tax system uses several different tax classification rates that convert market value to a "tax capacity" using those classification rates. The tax capacity is used for calculation of property taxes.

The 4d classification rate applies only to affordable housing and is set up to be lower than market rate housing to promote affordability. The current classification rate for 4d housing is 0.75% on the 1st $100,000 of per-unit value and 0.25% on any value above $100,000 per unit. Legislation signed into law in 2023 lowers the 4d property tax classification rate to a flat 0.25% on ALL market value for affordable housing projects. This revised classification relates to rental property and is now referred to as the 4d(1) tax classification rate. This change will be effective for the pay 2025 tax year.

In addition to the changes noted above, the legislation also says that in order to qualify for the 4d(1) classification rate, property owners must receive the approval of the city or town where the property is located if the net tax capacity of 4d property in that municipality is greater than 2% of the total net tax capacity of the municipality in the prior assessment year.

Based on calculations for the prior assessment year (2022, pay 2023), Brooklyn Center is over this 2% threshold. Therefore, the Wangstad Commons project must receive City approval to qualify for the 4d(1) tax classification rate. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MN Housing), as the body administering this program, indicates passage of a resolution supporting Wangstad Commons application for 4d(1) tax status is sufficient to constitute approval under the revised statute.

The purpose of this action is to consider approving Wangstad Common's application to MN Housing for 4d(1) tax status.

Budget Issues:

This item will have no immediate effect on the budget.

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

Resident Economic Stability, Targeted Redevelopment

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Brooklyn Center 4D Parcels	8/4/2023	Backup Material
Resolution	8/4/2023	Resolution Letter

City of Brooklyn Center

Properties in 4d

PID	Name	Units	Pay 2023 Current MV	Pay 2023 Current Tax Capacity
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26-119-21-44-0070	Lynwood Point	50	5,000,000	39,925
			970,000	
25-119-21-33-0045	Carrington Drive	128	2,950,000	89,820
			80,000	
25-119-21-33-0048			2,950,000	
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Total tax capacity (includes T.C. Captured in TIF)	717,465
City tax capacity (used for local rate, net of F.D. and TIF)	32,169,910
Percent in 4d	**2.23%**

THE CITY OF BROOKLYN CENTER, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION #2023-

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY TO RECEIVE 4D(1) CLASSIFICATION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023, the Brooklyn Center Economic Development Authority, a public body corporate and politic (the "EDA"), approved a TIF Assistance Agreement (the "TIF Agreement"), between the EDA and Wangstad Commons LLLP, a Minnesota limited liability limited partnership (the "Developer"), pursuant to which the Developer will acquire certain EDA-owned property (the "Development Property") and construct and equip thereon an approximately 54-unit affordable multifamily rental housing facility with a combination of surface level and underground parking spaces, and all related amenities and improvements (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 regular session, the Minnesota Legislature passed and the Governor signed Minnesota Laws, 2023, Regular Session, Chapter 64, Article 3, Section 16, which amends Minnesota Statutes, Section 273.128, and states, in part, that prior to submitting an initial application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency ("MHFA") for certification of property as low-income rental property classified as class 4d under section 273.13, subdivision 25 ("4d Property"), the property owner must receive the approval of the city or town where the property is located if the net tax capacity of 4d Property in that municipality is greater than 2% of the total net tax capacity of the municipality in the prior assessment year; and

WHEREAS, in connection with its financing for the Project, the Developer has requested that the City Council of the City (the "Council") adopt a resolution approving its application to MHFA to certify the Development Property as a 4d Property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota (the "City"), as follows:

1. The Council hereby approves the Developer's application to MHFA and the certification of the Development Property as a 4d Property thereunder.

2. City staff are authorized to take all actions necessary or desirable in connection with this resolution, including but not limited to the execution and delivery of any documents required for the Developer's application to MHFA.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, this 14th day of August, 2023.

_____
Mayor, April Graves

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk, Barb Suciu

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member _____, and after full discussion thereof and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 8/14/2023

TO: City Council
FROM: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager
THROUGH: N/A
BY: Jason Hill, City Attorney

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 19 of the Brooklyn Center City Code to Prohibit the Use of Cannabis and Hemp Products in Public Places (first reading)

Requested Council Action:

- Motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the Brooklyn Center City Code to prohibit the use of cannabis and hemp in public places and schedule the second reading for August 28, 2023.

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Cover memo	8/10/2023	Cover Memo
Ordinance	8/8/2023	Ordinance

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 8, 2023

TO: Brooklyn Center City Council
Dr. Reginald Edwards, City Manager
Barbara Suciu, Assistance City Manager/City Clerk

FROM: Jason M. Hill, City Attorney

RE: Edible Cannabinoid Licensing Ordinance

In follow-up to the City Council's recent work session discussion, the purpose of this memorandum is to provide a draft of an ordinance creating a licensing framework related to the sale of edible cannabinoid products ("THC Edibles) until licensing and regulation of hemp products occurs at the state level.

The attached licensing ordinance does the following:

- Requires a business to obtain a city-issued license prior to offering edible cannabinoids for sale.

- Establishes one licensing period effective from the date of issuance until March 1, 2025, or until the state issues a license for the sale of lower-potency hemp edibles, whichever occurs first.

- Exempts edible cannabinoid products that only contain cannabinoil ("CBD") from the license requirement.

- On-site consumption may only occur at businesses licensed for on-sale liquor consumption.

- The business cannot be within 500 feet of a "Youth Oriented Facility", which is defined as "a public or private elementary, middle, or high school, a state-licensed child or day care program with more than ten children, and any City park."

The proposed ordinance is largely modeled after the City's tobacco licensing ordinance.

If the City Council desires, it could consider the following alternatives:

- Allowing licenses only for exclusive liquor stores and tobacco shops.
- Amend the distance restrictions.

JMH

CITY OF BROOKLYN CENTER

Please take notice that the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Center will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 28, 2023 at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Brooklyn Center City Hall, located at 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. Said public hearing will include a second reading and proposed adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the use of cannabis and hemp products in public places within the City of Brooklyn Center. Meeting materials can be accessed by visiting the City of Brooklyn Center's website at: https://www.ci.brooklyn-center.mn.us/. A definite time for this ordinance to be considered cannot be given as it will depend on the progression of the agenda items.

Auxiliary aids for persons with disabilities are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please contact the City Clerk at (763) 569-3300 to make arrangements.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE BROOKLYN CENTER CITY CODE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CANNABIS AND HEMP PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN CENTER DOES ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Brooklyn Center City Code, Chapter 19 Table of Contents, is hereby amended by adding the following double-underlined language:

PROHIBITING USE OF CANNABIS AND HEMP PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC PLACES

Definitions 19-4000

Use of Cannabis and Hemp Prohibited in Public Places 19-4001

Penalties 19-4002

Section 2. Brooklyn Center City Code, Chapter 19, is hereby amended by adding Sections 19-4000 through 19-4002 as follows:

Section 19-4000. DEFINITIONS. For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of Sections 19-4000 through 19-4002.

1. "Cannabis flower," "cannabis products," "lower-potency hemp edibles," and "hemp-derived consumer products" shall have the definitions given to them in Minnesota Statutes, section 342.01, as it may be amended from time to time.

2. "Public place" is defined as any indoor or outdoor area that is used or held out for use by the public whether owned or operated by public or private interests. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 152.0263, subd. 5, "public place" does not include the following: (i) a private residence, including the person's curtilage or yard; (ii)

private property not generally accessible by the public; and (iii) the premises of an establishment or event licensed to permit on-site consumption of cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products.

Section 19-4001. USE OF CANNABIS AND HEMP PROHIBITED IN PUBLIC PLACES. No person shall use cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products in a public place.

Section 19-4002. PENALTIES. A violation of this section shall be considered a petty misdemeanor notwithstanding any other penalty provision in the city code, and, upon conviction, the violator shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $200.

Section 3. Severability. Should any section or part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part other than the part declared invalid.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective after adoption and upon thirty (30) days following its legal publication.

Adopted this ___ day of _____, 2023.

_____
April Graves, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Date of Publication _____

Effective Date _____

Council/EDA Work Session
City Hall Council Chambers
August 14, 2023

AGENDA

ACTIVE DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2023 Legislative Changes Regarding 4d Program and Property Tax Classification

   - No action required.

PENDING LIST FOR FUTURE WORK SESSIONS

1. Upcoming Items
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Council/EDA Work Session

DATE: 8/14/2023

TO: City Council
FROM: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager
THROUGH: Jesse Anderson, Interim Community Development Director
BY: Ginny McIntosh, City Planner and Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT: 2023 Legislative Changes Regarding 4d Program and Property Tax Classification

Requested Council Action:

- *No action required.*

Background:

Legislation signed into law in 2023 has resulted in adjustments to the 4d tax classification rates, which apply to affordable housing and are set up specifically to be lower than market rate housing to preserve and promote affordability.

In Minnesota, owners of qualifying affordable rental housing are eligible for reduced property taxes through the LIRC (Low Income Rental Classification), which is also known as "4d." To receive a property tax reduction, owners of developments that receive public financial assistance agree to limit rents and impose restrictions on tenant incomes.

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Based on calculations for the prior assessment year (2022, payable 2023), the City of Brooklyn Center is over this 2% threshold.

Jason Aarsvold, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers, will provide the City Council with a brief presentation on the recent legislative changes to the 4d program and property tax classification rates, and be available for any questions from Council.

Budget Issues:

These changes will have no immediate effect on the budget.

Inclusive Community Engagement:

- None

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

- None

Strategic Priorities and Values:

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THROUGH: N/A
BY: Dr. Reggie Edwards, City Manager

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