CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall Council Chambers
June 8, 2026

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order - 7:00 p.m.**

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

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

4. **Informal Open Forum**

   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 may not be used to make personal attacks, air personal 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 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 before speaking.

   a. Meeting Decorum

5. **Invocation - Jerzak**

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 minutes:

      - *May 23, 2026, Study Session*
      - *May 23, 2026, Regular Session*

   b. Approval of Licenses

      -Motion to accept licenses as presented.

   c. Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids, Improvement Project No. 2026-19, Lift Station No. 3 Reconstruction

      - Motion to approve Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and

Authorizing Advertisement for Bids, improvement Project No. 2026-19, Lift Station No. 3 Reconstruction

d. Resolution Identifying the Need for the Metropolitan Council Planning Assistance Grant and Authorizing an Application for Grant Funds for the City of Brooklyn Center's 2050 Comprehensive Plan

-Motion to approve a resolution identifying the need for the Metropolitan Council Planning Assistance Grant and authorizing an application for grant funds for the City of Brooklyn Center's 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

e. Resolution in Support of the Nomination of Census Tracts to be Designated Under Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program

- Motion to Approve a resolution in support of the nomination of census tracts to be designated under Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0.

7. Presentations/Proclamations/Recognitions/Donations

a. Proclamation Recognizing June 6, 2026, as Swedish National Day

- Motion to accept the Proclamation Recognizing June 6, 2026, as Swedish National Day

b. Proclamation Recognizing and Acknowledging June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Freedom Day

- Motion to accept the Proclamation Recognizing and Acknowledging June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Freedom Day

c. Proclamation Recognizing and Acknowledging June 2026 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

- Motion to accept the Proclamation Recognizing and Acknowledging June 2026 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

d. Proclamation Recognizing June 2026 as Caribbean American Heritage Month

- Motion to accept the Proclamation Recognizing June 2026 as Caribbean American Heritage Month

e. Brooklyn Bridge Alliance For Youth Presentation

- Motion to accept the presentation

f. Centerbrook 2025 End of Year Budget Update

- Motion to accept the presentation

g. Heritage Center 2025 End of Year Budget Update

- Motion to accept the presentation

8. Public Hearings

9. Planning Commission Items

10. Council Consideration Items

11. Council Report

12. Adjournment

COUNCIL MEETING DECORUM FOR THE PUBLIC

To ensure meetings are conducted in a professional and courteous manner which enables the orderly conduct of business, all persons in attendance or who participate in such meetings shall conduct themselves in a manner that does not interfere with the ability of others to observe and, when allowed, to participate without disruption or fear of intimidation.

A. Decorum. Persons who attend meetings must avoid conduct that disrupts, interferes with, or disturbs the orderly conduct of the meeting or the ability of other attendees to observe and participate as appropriate. To that end, persons who attend meetings are subject to the following:

(1) Members of the public may only speak during meetings when allowed under Council Rules and only after being recognized by the presiding officer. The City Council has established time limits for the acceptance of public comments or testimony.

(2) Public comments or testimony must be addressed to the presiding officer and not to other Council Members, staff, or others in attendance.

(3) All elected officials shall be referred to by their proper title and surname.

(4) Public comments should avoid personal accusations, profanity, or other improper content for a public meeting.

(5) Intimidating behaviors, threats of hostility, or actual violence are disallowed.

B. The presiding officer shall request any person(s) who disrupt, interfere with or disturb the orderly conduct of a meeting to cease the conduct and, as necessary, shall issue an oral warning to the individual(s) found to be in violation. If the individual(s) persists in disrupting, interfering with, or disturbing the meeting, the presiding officer may have the individual(s) removed or, under appropriate circumstances, temporarily clear the gallery. If for any reason the presiding officer fails to take such action, a majority vote may be substituted for action by the presiding officer to maintain order and decorum over the proceedings.

C. The Council Chambers capacity is 76 persons per fire code.

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM:
THROUGH:
BY: Kat Ellgren, Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to approve the following minutes:

- *May 23, 2026, Study Session*
- *May 23, 2026, Regular Session*

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>
1. 2026.05.26 SS
2. 2026.05.26 CC

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
MAY 26, 2026
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER

The Brooklyn Center City Council met in Study Session called to order by Mayor April Graves at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor April Graves, and Councilmembers Dan Jerzak, Teneshia Kragness, and Laurie Ann Moore. Also present were Interim City Manager Daren Nyquist, Interim Deputy City Manager & Public Works Director Liz Heyman, Deputy City Clerk Kat Ellgren, Planning Manager Ginny McIntosh, Police Chief Garett Flesland, City Clerk Shannon Pettit, and City Attorney Siobhan Tolar.

Councilmember Kris Lawrence-Anderson was absent and excused.

CITY COUNCIL MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor Graves asked if there were any questions on the agenda this evening. Councilmember Moore noted that, based on the Mayor's previous action, it could be discussed, or item 6f. Resolution amending the Brooklyn Center Cultural and Public Arts Commission to revise term limits and rename the Commission could be removed from the consent agenda. Mayor Graves asked what her question was. Councilmember Moore stated that it could either be moved for consideration or talked about now. Mayor Graves confirmed it should be talked about now.

Councilmember Moore noted that, based on the last approval of the Parks and Rec Commission members, there are some new individuals on the Parks and Rec Commission. There was a long-standing member who was not reappointed to the position, and that is one concern. The other concern is the request for term limits, when that Commission did a lot of work on the bylaws, which was quite extensive and commendable, compared to the other bylaws for other Commissions. The reason for term limits was for continuity, as previously discussed in the Council. She noted the Council had also previously discussed having some change in Commissioners over time, but was taken aback by renaming the Commission the Recommended Art, Beauty and Culture versus the Culture and Public Arts Commission. Even though the Commission has gone through the bylaws in quite extensive detail, she does not understand why the current members want to change it to Art, Beauty, and Culture.

Councilmember Moore continued that it is quite an appropriate name for a Culture and Public Arts Commission, and given their priorities, that makes much more sense than Art, Beauty, and Culture. She added that the Council has also discussed Staff time that is devoted to all the Commissions and with all of Staff being stretched thin, and currently, the Artist in Residence position may or may not be approved by the Council for the next year. That position was heavily debated last year during budget sessions. For those reasons, this is something the Council could certainly take up later, and she is not opposed to a discussion, but has concerns about lengthening a term limit, especially when the Council has talked about getting some variety in Commissioners from a variety of backgrounds. The other concern is Staff time and then the change in name. She stated she would like to table this for a future meeting, especially in light of the fact that the liaison for this Commission is a position that may or may not be in the 2027 budget. There have already been in-depth discussions this year about the Staff time being stretched thin, and adding this to Advisory Commissions to the Council.

Councilmember Jerzak asked if this aligns with all of the other Commissions and if they are all the same. He noted he does not disagree with what the Commission is saying. The Commission wrote that it aligns with municipal practices, supports continuity, but if it is going to be changed, and if it aligns, he would like to change them all at once. It is important to consider that every two years is an election, and that can affect the outcome, but there should be some type of alignment there, too. The choice is the Mayor's to recommend to the Council, and he has always respected that. He added that he is questioning for that purpose and respects all the work that has gone into this. He noted that the Council made a commitment to Staff about trying to reasonably help their workloads, and does not want to add things to their workloads unnecessarily, but that is his only other concern. He requested a little more research and a postponement.

Councilmember Kragness agreed with Councilmember Jerzak and noted that the Council had spoken about Commissions before, when the Council was creating a new Commission, and wanted to make sure that there was alignment with the number of terms and number of members when those conversations came up. If this can best align them with the other ones, she would agree with that. As far as the name change, the Commission stated that they have reached a consensus on this, but she would be interested in having more conversations about it and would be interested in making sure that the Council did point that out, that the Commission did reach a consensus. She noted that, as Council Member Moore said, this was an out-of-the-blue type of situation, and more information is needed.

Mayor Graves asked City Clerk Shannon Pettit if this resolution and the changes that they are suggesting, specifically around the Commissioner term length, are in alignment with other commissions. Ms. Pettit answered that currently, three of the Commissions, the Housing Commission, Parks and Recreation, and the Finance Commission, all have term lengths of three years. The Planning Commission has a two-year term length, and the Sister Cities has a five-year term length.

Mayor Graves noted the term limit is not out of alignment and would be in alignment with three of the current Commissions. She asked if there had ever been a name change to a Commission before. Ms. Pettit answered that she would have to research that. Mayor Graves noted that she has gone to several of the Cultural Art Commission meetings and remembered the discussion, but was not particularly involved in it. There was a report on beautification that came out five or six years ago, and her guess is that the desire to change the name and add in this beautification is to align the work with that report around beautifying Brooklyn Center and its image. This was also when the Council decided to have Artists in Residence and started doing more murals in the City and accentuating some of the different cultures. She noted that this might be the reasoning behind changing the name. Mayor Graves noted that Naheed was online and asked the Council if they minded getting any context from Naheed. She stated that Naheed would be held to the two-minute rule to speak if the Council was okay with that.

Councilmember Moore noted that the Council could certainly hear from Naheed, but she is part of the Commission. She stated she would defer to Councilmember Jerzak.

Councilmember Jerzak stated that before the Council hears from Naheed, he believed a lot of the talk was to expand the Commission's scope of effect and ability to do more things because there was so much more available that they could do, including securing grants. He added that his biggest concern with this whole thing is if the Commission is in alignment with their bylaws, and if that is consistent throughout. He stated he is not opposed but wants to be sure everything is in alignment.

Mayor Graves stated that she understood, and there will be no carve-outs.

Naheed of the Cultural and Public Arts Commission stated she was available to answer any questions the Council might have about this resolution. The resolution was unanimously passed after discussions at two meetings. The name change was proposed for two reasons, firstly, a practical one, as the Commissioners were all discovering that it was hard to remember the name of the Commission, and anyone whom the Commissioners talked to, including other Staff members, could not remember the name. After discussing a few ideas, Commissioners came up with something that aligned alphabetically with a, b, c: Art, Beautification, and Culture, which Commissioners thought would be easier for everyone to remember. This also aligns with the beautification of the Brooklyn Center master plan for public art, which not only focuses on art and culture but also on beautification. Commissioners wanted to combine all of these matters with the name change. The original name was simply a name that the City Attorney came up with when she wrote the resolution and other documents, so the name did not come directly from the master plan.

Mayor Graves thanked Naheed for the additional context, and the Council got a few answers. She asked Staff to review to ensure that there is alignment with existing City Commissions and double-check the bylaws to bring them back at the next meeting. She asked if there were any other questions on agenda items.

Councilmember Jerzak stated he attended and wanted to thank Senator Pha, Representative Vang, along with the lobbying firm, Staff, and a number of people who testified, along with

Councilmember Kragness, who were all involved in procuring the grant for the Opportunity Site. He added that although he could name most of the people, he would not because he probably would accidentally leave someone out who came to the bonding tour, and he did not want to do that.

Mayor Graves agreed and stated she is working on some thank-you letters that will be going out tomorrow night.

Councilmember Jerzak thanked Mayor Graves for that because these are all personal relationships.

Mayor Graves stated that relationships are everything. Councilmember Jerzak agreed and stated relationships are easily forgotten, and he did send each one of them a personal thank you as well. Mayor Graves stated she sent the thank you on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Kragness noted she had one correction on the minutes. On the regular session minutes, May 11th, 2026, page 20, which is also page 35 of 85, the first sentence says, "… mention of a do blank and do from." The sentence is missing the word "to." With accounting that makes a difference. The sentence is about setting up a do to and a do from.

Mayor Graves stated she remembered that conversation. She stated she would now move on to the City Manager Miscellaneous items.

CITY MANAGER MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION ITEMS

COUNCIL PRIORITIES UPDATE

Interim City Manager Daren Nyquist stated that after reviewing the City Council agendas, there is some room in the next couple of meetings. He stated he wanted to have a conversation to talk about what the Council would like to see on that agenda, and this is also an update of the previous conversation they had back in April. During his review, the Council ticked off more things than he could recall. As a reminder, the Council ranked in no particular order the top ten projects that they would want more information on. He noted that the Council came up with 31 different items with consensus and 21 outliers. The projects with consensus include resolving the outstanding Finance Director issues, transition items, Financial Management Plan, Expanded Response Teams contract, the Opportunity Site Development, and recruitment. If there is a checkmark there, that means Staff have done that work or have made some major headway on that work, and can provide updates on that.

Mr. Nyquist continued that the point of this conversation is to go through the rest of the items and have some consensus with the Council about finding another handful of priority updates for the next couple of meetings. The outstanding Finance Director transition issues have been mentioned to each of the Councilmembers, but Staff is circling in on a Finance Director hire and hopes to have more details about that when everything is finalized at the next Council meeting. The Financial Management Plan was discussed two weeks ago and has been wrapped up, so Staff can begin the budget process, and that was a critical step forward for Staff. The Expanded Response team contracts have a route forward with the remaining ARPA money, and that was discussed at a previous meeting. Items that are outstanding include the Opportunity Site Developer recruitment, which deserves some more conversation.

Mr. Nyquist noted that projects with alignment are a category for things that are being reviewed to see if they are working. This is time-related work that will go through the rest of the year, but one of the big ones that Staff has got clarity on is a cost share policy. The MnDOT cost share policy was ratified and approved thanks to Public Works Director Liz Heyman and her advocacy in that realm. Other things on this list are projects Highway 252 and the EIS statement, solar, and City buildings, which is a fun research project that Staff could dig into, and revising the operating budget development process, which will be tackled as Staff gets to the budget process this year. The cost recovery model at the Community Center looks at all the different programming and what costs can be recovered through that program at the Community Center. The EDA Scattered Sites plan has a slew of scattered sites around the City that could be potentially sold, and that is a plan in the works.

Mr. Nyquist noted all the outliers for agenda items, and there are some checkboxes there, some bigger ones coming include a Council meeting with Senator Brooke, and the Heritage Center 2025 financial report will occur at the next Council meeting. He asked the Council to take some time to look at the list to find more agenda items to fill the slots in the upcoming meetings.

Councilmember Jerzak stated that this is probably more of a comment, but projects with consensus include the Opportunity Site development and recruitment. He asked if they need to realign any of the master plan because there have been multiple changes, including market conditions. Now that the City has attained the grant for that project, and the amount of grants that the City has, the question is where this project lands. There was a previous developer with whom the City has terminated that agreement, and that realignment. He stated that it has been indicated that the grant that was given to the City is pretty flexible, but the Council needs to know the answer to those questions, so they do not have to go back to it multiple times, and the project can hit the ground running.

Mayor Graves noted that this is why it is a project with consensus, because the Council wants to get an update on some of those questions. She added that the development with the previous developer there was not that much excitement around the concept in general, and the master plan did a ton of community engagement around it. While Staff does not need to go back to the drawing board at all, it is more about how the Council is reconfiguring the money. The change in developer means the project does not have to look like what was proposed, but it probably should still have that sort of mixed-use component that was available in the master plan. She stated she is excited to hear about what is next, and there has been an increase in interest from other people, along with other things in the City that are moving nearby.

Councilmember Jerzak stated he does not want to reinvent the wheel again; he wants to know what is relevant for the project. There were certain things that were included with certain projects that are no longer relevant, so the Council needs to be brought up to date.

Mayor Graves agreed. Councilmember Jerzak stated that the Council needs to take the inventory. Mayor Graves stated there is definitely consensus on that from Councilmembers. She wondered if, with that conversation, they could also discuss the alignment with the EDA scattered sites plan, too, because it does not seem like it would get too long.

Councilmember Moore stated that the City did secure grants and that there is probably some sort of time limit. So, along with the $3 million, the Council needs to know where the project is at and, knowing that now, as they review not only the master plan, but also other schematics that have been presented regarding the infrastructure, the storm water pond, some apartments, all of that was revised from the original plan. That needs to be brought forward to the Council to see with the numbers attached to it, so that the Council knows whether or not there is enough to get that infrastructure in place.

Councilmember Moore asked Mr. Nyquist if the items with the check marks are the only things in the outliers that are completed. Mr. Nyquist confirmed that it is correct and added that at the next Council meeting, there will be presentations on the Centerbrook golf course and the Heritage Center 2025 financial.

Councilmember Moore stated that in some of their previous discussions regarding the purchasing policy and P-Card policy, which is still tied to some work that the Interim Finance Director is doing, so that is why that is not completed. Mr. Nyquist stated that is correct and there has been work done on both of them, but they are not wrapped up enough to come to the Council.

Councilmember Moore asked if the Council is going to try to look at this list every month because these are the priorities, so the Council can keep track of the progress. She stated she asks Mr. Nyquist questions in their one-on-one meetings, but may not bring up everything.

Councilmember Kragness pointed out that the P-Card policy is very close to being done. The Finance Commission did a lot of work on that to get the point where it was ready for presentation, but that was before the Staff change. So that could be something that, once it gets more stable, that area can be pushed through quickly.

Councilmember Jerzak stated again that if everything is important, nothing is important. So, from the Staff perspective, they need to zero in on the things that have the most impact on the City and the residents.

Mayor Graves noted the Highway 252 project is important.

Councilmember Jerzak agreed and stated that if two Councilmembers wanted to bring something forward, they could request it to the City manager or the Mayor to be brought forward. He stated that when he looked through this, he was very comfortable with what had been prioritized. He thanked Staff for zeroing in on those things and bringing that to fruition.

Mayor Graves stated that Highway 252 seems really important to get in front of the Council sooner rather than later, and she is interested in the research project as well as the environment, which is really important to her, and she is passionate about it. She added that the Shingle Creek Trail restoration and the tree management and reforestation update would be good to get as well, and the Council will revisit the list.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Mr. Nyquist noted he wanted to revisit this item from the previous Council meeting. Staff was talking about old business and rehashing what that could look like, a little more clarity in terms of the goals the Council had from providing an old business agenda item on the agenda that could be in this meeting or the regular meeting. He noted that he wanted to get more clarity before Staff brought a recommended procedure for old business.

Councilmember Jerzak noted that Mr. Nyquist has answered some of the questions tonight, and the Council has identified the very high-priority projects. If there are any loose ends with those projects, then that would be considered old business that requires the Council to return to that due to the significance. He added that he does not want to create another line item where the Council is carrying 50 things forward. As an example, he had written down that there was a Council consensus for a financial report for the Enterprise Fund. That presentation is coming up next week, so he would not have wanted that to be left out, especially when the Council goes into budget season, because it was recommended that the Council consider changing the policy on the percentage of the General Fund threshold from 40 to 50 percent. Those are important things that require some follow-ups, so they do not get forgotten.

Mayor Graves added that old businesses would be a placeholder for those types of things that may not necessarily need to be on the agenda, but need a follow-up update, and if there were questions after the initial discussion.

Councilmember Moore noted that it aligns with how the Council is doing its EDA meetings with the EDA update. So if the Staff was not going to have it as a regular standing Council agenda item, then this may be a place where Staff could provide an update, not unlike the Council report. She added that Councilmember Jerzak is the one who brought this up and has probably spent more time thinking about it, but she is on the fence as to whether or not this needs to be an item on the regular agenda. If there is a consensus from the Council on what that looks like in terms of reporting success or goals that might be related to the priorities that needed to be communicated to Council, then that would make sense.

Councilmember. Jerzak added as an example, next week Staff are going to present the Heritage Center Enterprise Fund. He noted that one of the questions Councilmember Moore had previously asked was whether the Heritage Center could be sold or leased. That would be an old business item that, until the Council gets that answer, now that may be in that report, but that is something that was asked that the Council is looking for. If it works better for Staff to put it in the weekly update, then Staff should do that. Sometimes the Council gets time between very important questions, because the Council also needs time to consider things.

Councilmember Kragness added that the Council appreciates the transparency and the visibility from Staff and needs to have that as the Council is making these decisions. She noted that Staff can figure out how to keep the Council presented with that, but there is consensus with the Council to make sure the Council has that visibility at all times.

Councilmember Kragness asked if that was enough clarity for Mr. Nyquist. Mr. Nyquist responded that in the next meeting, he can have a recommended process, though, and the Council can start to activate that and then iterate if it does not work.

Mayor Graves stated that sounds good. She asked if there were any other discussion items, and if not, would adjourn the study session.

Councilmember Moore stated that, regarding the question about the Heritage Center and whether or not it could be sold, she did not add it as a discussion item, but it has been communicated with Mr. Nyquist to get an update on whether or not the City can. She stated she knew that Ms. Heyman also talked about what is actually historical at that site, which is the water tower and not the building, and that there has been a building assessment plan completed on it. As the Council goes into the budget season, there will be discussions around different revenue funds and the budget line items. This should be a priority topic, as the Council has looked at even prior to COVID-19, continuing to prop up the Heritage Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Graves moved and Councilmember Moore seconded to adjourn the Study Session at 6:36 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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
MAY 26, 2026
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. INFORMAL OPEN FORUM WITH CITY COUNCIL

The Brooklyn Center City Council met in Informal Open Forum called to order by Mayor April Graves at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor April Graves, Councilmembers Dan Jerzak, Teneshia Kragness, and Laurie Ann Moore. Also present were Interim City Manager Daren Nyquist, Interim Deputy City and Public Works Director Liz Heyman, Community Development Housing and Community Standards Supervisor Xiong Thao, Interim Finance Director Dan Tinter, City Clerk Shannon Pettit, and City Attorney Siobhan Tolar.

Councilmember Kris Lawrence-Anderson was absent and excused.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. INFORMAL OPEN FORUM

Mayor April Graves opened the meeting for the purpose of Informal Open Forum and reviewed the Rules of Decorum.

No one wished to address the Council.

Mayor Graves moved and Councilmember Moore seconded to close the Informal Open Forum.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. INVOCATION

Council member Kragness noted that, in honor of yesterday being Memorial Day, she wanted to acknowledge her military family; her father, Kevin Ford, served in the US Army. On her grandmother Myrna's side of the family, her father, Oscar Payne, served in World War I in the US Army.

Grandma Myrna Kragness served in the Navy; her husband, John Kragness, served in the Marines. Her grandmother's half-brother, Roger Payne, served as a paratrooper in World War II in the US Army. She noted her Uncle Glenn Kragness served in the Marines, Aunt Lori Kragness served in the Marines, and Uncle Steve Kragness served in the Marines. She thanked all those who serve, have served, or are supporting someone who serves in the military.

Councilmember Kragness read a short poem, "In our hearts, we thought of you today, but that is nothing new. We thought about you yesterday and two days before that, too. We think of you in silence. We often speak your name. Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake. With which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our hearts." She noted that this poem is by an unknown author.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA.

Councilmember Moore moved and Councilmember Kragness seconded to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda, as amended, with amendments to the minutes as stated during the Study Session, and removing item 6f. Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2024-47, the Brooklyn Center Cultural and Public Arts Commission, to revise term lengths and rename the Commission, to get more answers from Staff, and the following consent items were approved:

6a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 11, 2026 – Study Session
   May 11, 2026 -- Regular Session

6b. LICENSES

<u>RENTAL</u>

RENEWAL (TYPE IV – six-month license)

5301 Russell Avenue North	Amax Sommerset Llc – C/O LEE YAN
6915 Humboldt Avenue North	Lynwood Pointe Llc
6614 Byrant Avenue North	Yi Lin & Xi Lin
6804 Fremont Avenue North	M Shaffer & C Shaffer
7000 Oliver Avenue North	PE Enohnyaket / M Enohnyaket

RENEWAL (TYPE III – one-year license)

4408 69th Avenue North	Dmow Llc

RENEWAL (TYPE II – two-year license)

5448 Dupont Avenue	Paul Gathumbi

6012 Kyle Avenue North	James R Hager
RENEWAL (TYPE I – three-year license)	
4201 Lakeside Avenue North, #105	Cindy S Bohler
4201 Lakeside Avenue North, #212	Judith C Spanberger
4201 Lakeside Avenue North, #316	Maria Moldenhauer
5421 Twin Lake Boulevard East	SOGDIANA LLC
7230 Girard Avenue North	QZ FUNDING LLC

6c. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE MN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S SOLAR ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE WEST FIRE STATION ROOFTOP SOLAR PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE SOLAR CONTRACTOR FOR THE PROJECT

6d. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL'S REGIONAL SOLICITATION PROGRAM TO FUND THE FRANCE AVENUE MULTIMODAL SAFETY PROJECT

6e. A RESOLUTION RATIFYING APPROVAL OF THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR ADMIRAL LANE ADDITION AND AUTHORIZING FINAL PLAT RECORDING

6f. RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-47, THE BROOKLYN CENTER CULTURAL AND PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION, TO REVISE TERM LENGTHS AND RENAME THE COMMISSION

7. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/DONATIONS

7a. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MISS JUNETEENTH MINNESOTA STATE PAGEANT

Mayor Graves read aloud a proclamation recognizing the Miss Juneteenth Minnesota State Pageant in the City of Brooklyn Center.

Councilmember Moore moved and Councilmember Kragness seconded to accept a proclamation recognizing the Miss Juneteenth Minnesota State Pageant.

Motion passed unanimously.

7b. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AANHPI) HERITAGE MONTH

Mayor Graves read aloud a proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month in the City of Brooklyn Center.

Councilmember Jerzak moved and Councilmember Moore seconded to accept the proclamation recognizing May 2026 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month.

Motion passed unanimously.

7c. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Mayor Graves read aloud a proclamation recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of Brooklyn Center.

Councilmember Moore moved and Mayor Graves seconded to accept a proclamation recognizing May as Jewish American Heritage Month.

Motion passed unanimously.

7d. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NORWEGIAN CONSTITUTION DAY

Mayor Graves read aloud a proclamation recognizing May 17, 2026, as Norwegian Constitution Day in the City of Brooklyn Center.

Mayor Graves moved and Councilmember Jerzak seconded to accept a proclamation recognizing May 17, 2026, as Norwegian Constitution Day.

Motion passed unanimously.

7e. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Mayor Graves read aloud a proclamation recognizing May 21, 2026, as World Day for Cultural Diversity in the City of Brooklyn Center.

Mayor Graves moved and Councilmember Moore seconded to accept a proclamation recognizing May 21, 2026, as World Day for Cultural Diversity.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

10. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

10a. HOSPITALITY ACCOMMODATION LICENSE FOR SUBURBAN STUDIOS, 2701 FREEWAY BLVD

Mr. Nyquist noted that City Clerk Shannon Pettit would lead the Council through this conversation item on the Hospitality Accommodation license.

Ms. Pettit stated that she would go through the background on this item and noted that the Applicant, Suburban Studios, submitted their Hospitality Accommodation license renewal on March 31, which was approved on May 5, 2025. On May 31, 2025, the Fire Department Staff responded to a call and observed activity that led them to believe the facility was operating as something other than a Hospitality Accommodation.

Ms. Pettit continued that around June 4th, 2025, a site inspection revealed that the building was no longer operating solely as a Hospitality Accommodation, but also a Recuperative Care facility. On June 23, 2025, the Council revoked Suburban Studio's Hospitality Accommodation license based on findings and violations, providing some time for patrons to be removed from the premises. She noted that on July 2, 2025, the City received a request for a stay of revocation for the Suburban Studios Hospitality Accommodation license, and at the same time, notified the City that they were planning to file a lawsuit contesting the City's license revocation. On July 14th, 2025, the Council considered and approved Suburban Studio's stay of revocation request. After a Staff presentation and a statement by Suburban Studio's legal counsel, which allowed Suburban Studios to continue operating as a Hospitality Accommodation, while the parties litigated the license revocation and zoning violation. On April 6, 2026, litigation between the parties concluded the City prevailed in its decision to revoke Suburban Studio's Hospitality Accommodation license. After the litigation concluded, the stay of revocation lapsed, and Suburban Studio's Hospitality Accommodation license remained revoked. Pursuant to City ordinance, once a license is revoked, an Applicant must reapply for a new Hospitality Accommodation license. Staff had multiple conversations with the property owner via phone and email, reminding the owner that the license was no longer valid. On April 24, 2026, Suburban Studios applied for a new Hospitality Accommodation license; however, the application was incomplete. On May 14th, an annual inspection of Suburban Studios revealed the establishment was operating as a Hospitality Accommodation without the proper licensure.

Ms. Pettit continued that Staff worked with the City Attorney to provide an outline and timeline of documents and processes necessary for the establishment to complete, and for the City Council to act on the new Hospitality Accommodation License application, which was fulfilled as requested, including a corrective action plan. She noted that the corrective action plan was not included in the packets, but the Council should have it in front of them for review. At this point, Staff and the City Attorney have reviewed the application, the corrective action plan, and all of the submitted documents, and Suburban Studios has complied with the baseline application requirements. As a result, Staff is recommending approval of the Suburban Studios, Hospitality

Accommodation license, subject to the following conditions. The first condition is that Suburban Studios accepts and follows the provided corrective action plan. The second is for Suburban Studios to continue operation in line with all applicable City, county, and state laws and regulations, and also comply with any additional conditions the Council deems necessary. She noted that she would now answer any Council questions.

Councilmember Jerzak noted that in reviewing the corrective action plan, he asked City Attorney Tolar if this is a supplement to the existing hotel ordinance. He added that the reason he asked is pursuant to City ordinance, once a license is revoked, an Applicant must reapply for a new commendation license, and everything has been completed. He noted that when he reviewed the second page, number three, payment and policies, he did not see anything in this agreement that stated if it was necessary for the Police or Fire to request the guest list, they had to produce it. That requirement is within the parameters of law, and there are reasons for that. In past histories of people staying for longer periods than they can, there may also have been a crime committed, and he wanted to ensure that was included in the ordinance.

Ms. Tolar noted that section five of the corrective action plan, under the record retention and inspection compliance. It states that under number three. There is also talk about it in the event of an emergency, as well, but to answer the baseline question, yes, this corrective action plan is supplemental to all of the requirements of the ordinance. Anything that is missed in the corrective action plan, and the corrective action plan is specifically for the violations that were discovered last year when the Council revoked the license. These requirements are in addition to what is already required of them as a hotel in the City of Brooklyn Center.

Councilmember Jerzak stated that he appreciated that because under number three, if there is an emergency situation and they need access to that for whatever information, Police and Fire should be able to get that. He added that because the City prevailed in their litigation, he would like it to be considered to ask for recovering the costs regarding legal and Staff time. He noted that residents should not pay for a for-profit business that had their license revoked because of their actions. It is not fair that residents have to pay for all of the extraordinary amount of the Staff time that has gone into this. This also might be something the Council considers looking at, making an ordinance to try to recover some of these costs. If an applicant wants another license, and the applicant is the one who got the license revoked, then some of those costs should have been included to get their license back.

Ms. Tolar asked if the Council would like her to comment. Mayor Graves stated she would like to hear Ms. Tolar's opinion.

Ms. Tolar noted that in the litigation, she has not discussed this with the City's Litigation Attorney. But usually, within litigation, there are agreements regarding Attorney's fees and such. She stated she does not know if that was the case in this particular litigation or not, but she could speak with him to see if his costs might have been recovered, or technically, the City is insured. The City does have to pay its insurance, and those legal fees costs are covered. She stated she would look into it if the Council would like her to, and asked if the Council would like to hold off on approving this, as she researched this, or if the Council would like her to investigate further down the road for revocations in the future.

Councilmember Jerzak responded that unless it is a consensus of the Council, and pointed out that this is the third time that the Council and City have had to deal with extraordinary costs, suspension, and revocations of these types of facilities, and this is a policy question that occurs to me. He noted that the Council cannot talk about the closed-door meeting they had with legal, but if the Applicant had prevailed, the City would have incurred a certain amount of costs, and the City has a deductible. Out of fairness to the residents who did not do anything wrong, yet are carrying the burden for this.

Mayor Graves stated she did not disagree with Councilmember Jerzak and can think of a few different situations in which she has thought the same, but it would be good to know what is standard practice, not just in this particular type of situation, but just in general.

Ms. Tolar asked if Mayor Graves was referring to the recovery of costs. Mayor Graves confirmed that is what she was referencing.

Councilmember Moore stated Ms. Tolar was pretty clear about insurance covering, to some degree, the recovery for legal costs. In the closed-door session, there were some percentages of what the City has to meet for the deductible versus what is covered. It sounds like, at this point, the insurance would allow the City to kind of claw back some of those litigation costs. She noted she would like the information going forward, but it is not something that would hold up this approval.

Ms. Tolar asked if the Council was referring to straight litigation. Anytime Staff have to litigate a claim, not just in the context of license renewal or revocation, but generally when the City has to go to court and spend extra legal fees to fight something that is technically not the fault of the City, the Council wants to know what their recourse is.

Mayor Graves confirmed that is what the Council wants to know.

Councilmember Jerzak stated that this is because the Applicant had to reapply, because once the license is revoked, they must reapply for a new Hospitality Accommodation license. The City has additional Staff time and resources associated with that, and to recover some of that for a license that may take an amendment to an ordinance. He noted he is curious about that because the Applicant is the one who caused the issue, not City Staff.

Ms. Tolar noted that litigation costs and Staff time are two separate questions.

Councilmember Jerzak confirmed that Ms. Tolar is correct.

Ms. Tolar stated she wanted to make sure that she was understanding what the Council is asking.

Councilmember Moore moved and Mayor Graves seconded to grant Suburban Studios a new Hospitality Accommodation license subject to the Applicant's strict compliance with Chapter 23-2400 of the Brooklyn Center City code and the Corrective Action Plan submitted and signed by the Applicant.

Motion passed unanimously.

11. COUNCIL REPORT.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Graves moved and Councilmember Kragness seconded the adjournment of the City Council meeting at 7:30pm.

Motion passed unanimously.

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM:
THROUGH:
BY: Kat Ellgren, Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Approval of Licenses

Requested Council Action:
-Motion to accept 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.

Amusement Devices

Metro Coin of Minnesota		
	Empire Foods	1200 Shingle Creek Crossing
Rigel LLC		
	Empire Foods	1200 Shingle Creek Crossing
	Sun Foods	6350 Brooklyn Blvd

Mechanical
A-Abc Appliance & Heating Inc. 8818 7th Ave N, Golden Valley 55427
Air Comfort Htg & A/C 19170 Jasper St. NW, Anoka 55303
BKMC 411 25th Ave N, Minneapolis 55411
BWS Plumbing Heating and Air 6321 Bury Drive, Eden Prairie 55346
Commercial Plumbing & Heating, Inc. 24428 Greenway Ave., Forest Lake 55025
GV Heating & Air Inc. 5182 West Broadway, Crystal 55429
MN Heating and Cooling LLC 410 Pleasant Crest Cir, Annandale 55376
Optimal Heating and Cooling LLC 5912 Washburn Ave N., Brooklyn Center 55430
Plumb Right Corp 6900 Winnetka Circle, Brooklyn Park 55428
Top Tier Heating and Air Conditioning 13645 Hidden Creek Dr., Andover 55304
Travis Glanzer HVAC 2470 Island Dr, Spring Park 55384

Sign Hanger's
Archetype Signmakers, Inc. 9611 James Ave S., Bloomington 55431

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. For Council Approval 6.8.26_FOR COUNCIL_5.21 to 5.26
2. Rental Criteria (1)

Rental Licenses for Council Approval 6.8.26

Location Address	License Subtype	Renewal/Initial	Owner	Property Code Violations	License Type	Police CFS*	Final License Type**	Previous License Type***	Consecutive Type IV's
5116 Ewing Ave N	Single	Initial	J Sedlezky & A Faschingbauer	0	Type I	N/A	Type II	N/A	N/A
5706 Logan Ave N	Single	Initial	Walter Moreno/Alma Moreno	6	Type II	N/A	Type II	N/A	N/A
5000 France Ave N	Multiple Family	Renewal	MB & Ps Nightingale 1 Bldg 4 Units	0	Type I	0	Type I	Type I	N/A
501 Bellvue La	Single	Renewal	Zoe & Bret Hildreth	1	Type I	0	Type I	Type I	N/A
1300 72nd Ave N	Single	Renewal	Scott & Marinela Selseth	0	Type I	0	Type III	Type III	N/A
3808 France Pl	Single	Renewal	Ih2 Property Illinois Lp	8	Type III	0	Type III	Type II	N/A
5301 France Ave N	Single	Renewal	Juniper Land Trust Llc	4	Type II	0	Type IV	Type IV	8
5712 Northport Dr	Single	Renewal	R & C Scherbing Fam Rv Lv Tr	2	Type I	0	Type I	Type I	N/A
5724 Logan Ave N	Single	Renewal	Konstantin Ginzburg	0	Type I	0	Type I	Type IV	N/A
6536 Chowen Ave N	Single	Renewal	Bridge SFR IV Borrower I LLC	0	Type I	0	Type I	Type II	N/A
6913 Toledo Ave N	Single	Renewal	Fred Hanus LLC	4	Type II	0	Type II	Type II	N/A
7137 Grimes Ave N	Single	Renewal	Shawn Banks & Djuana J Banks	0	Type I	0	Type I	Type I	N/A

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

**License typebeing 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

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. <u>Police Service Calls.</u>

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

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM: Lydia Ener, City Engineer
THROUGH: Elizabeth Heyman, Director of Public Works
BY: Lydia Ener, City Engineer
SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids, Improvement Project No. 2026-19, Lift Station No. 3 Reconstruction

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to approve Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Authorizing Advertisement for Bids, improvement Project No. 2026-19, Lift Station No. 3 Reconstruction

Background:
This project includes the rehabilitation of lift station No. 3 with a full evaluation of pumps, control equipment and appurtenances.
Construction plans, specifications, and contract documents have been prepared for the project. Staff is prepared to begin the project bidding process upon authorization from the City Council.
The bidding process would involve the advertisement of the project in the City's official newspaper and in Finance and Commerce. Sealed bids will be collected through online bidding, opened at the scheduled bid opening date, and tabulated by the Consultant and City Engineer. Staff anticipates that the bid results will be presented to the City Council for consideration in July 2026.

Budget Issues:
The total project construction cost is estimated to be $421,000.00. Funding sources for the project are budgeted from the City Capital Improvement Plan previously accepted by the City Council.

Inclusive Community Engagement:
NA

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:
NA

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:
1. LS #3_Approve Plans and Specs Res (003)

Member introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. _______________

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 2026-19, LIFT STATION NO. 3 RECONSTRUCTION

WHEREAS, the Brooklyn Center Public Works Director ordered Improvement Project No. 2026-19 and authorized the preparation of plans and specifications for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, said plans and specifications have been prepared under the direction of the City Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, that:

1. The plans and specifications for Improvement Project No. 2026-19, Lift Station No. 3 Reconstruction are hereby approved, ordered, and filed with the City Clerk.

2. The City Clerk shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official newspaper and in Finance and Commerce an advertisement for bids for the making of such improvements in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, shall specify the work to be done, and state the time and location at which bids will be opened by the City Clerk and City Manager or their designees. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the City Council on the issue of responsibility. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the City Clerk and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond, or certified check payable to the City of Brooklyn Center for five percent of the amount of such bid.

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Date	Mayor

ATTEST: ______________________________
City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member

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: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM: Krystin Eldridge, Associate Planner
THROUGH: Ginny McIntosh, Planning Manager
BY: Krystin Eldridge, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: Resolution Identifying the Need for the Metropolitan Council Planning Assistance Grant and Authorizing an Application for Grant Funds for the City of Brooklyn Center's 2050 Comprehensive Plan

Requested Council Action:
-Motion to approve a resolution identifying the need for the Metropolitan Council Planning Assistance Grant and authorizing an application for grant funds for the City of Brooklyn Center's 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

Background:

The Metropolitan Council is a 17-member policy-making board, planning agency and provider of essential services, who guides the strategic growth of the metro area. Their goal is to foster efficient and economic growth for a prosperous region. The Met Coucil provides grants to boost job creation, the local tax base, and affordable housing, as well as assist communities as they prepare their long-term comprehensive plans to guide their future growth and revitalization.

At least once every 10 years, city councils, town boards, and county boards throughout the region update their local comprehensive plans. A local comprehensive plan represents a community's vision of how it wants to grow and change — how it will develop its land, redevelop older areas, ensure adequate housing, provide roads and sewers, protect natural areas, and meet other community objectives.

State law requires the Metropolitan Council to create regional plans and policies to guide growth and manage regional systems for transportation, aviation, water resources, and regional parks. In turn, the law also requires local governments to update their comprehensive plans to consider the local systems. Local governments are required to submit their updated comprehensive plans to the Metropolitan Council by Dec. 31, 2028, for review (unless they received an extension) to remain eligible for future assistance. The Metropolitan Council provides resources and planning assistance to communities throughout the region to support coordinated, cost-effective growth.

In order to start meaningful work around the 2050 Comprehensive Plan and to meet the Metropolitan Council's regional goals, City staff is requesting authorization to apply for the Planning Assistance Grant in the amount of $40,000 as Brooklyn Center was specifically selected as an eligible City for this assistance. If the plan is finished early, there is the possibility for an additional $4,000 to be granted, and if the City is advancing pre-determined regional goals identified by the Metropolitan Council, there is an opportunity for an additional $10,000.

City Staff has until November 6, 2026, to apply for these funds; however, City staff is wanting to apply early given some work on the update has already begun. This amount does not cover the entire amount necessary to complete the work, but it will be supplementary to our current budgeted amount.

Budget Issues:
The City is requesting $40,000 to help offset any budgeted costs around the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. An additional $14,000 could be awarded to the City for meeting certain milestones. This update will be a multi-year effort with the City's consultant, Bolton & Menk, as comprehensive plans are due for submittal with the Metropolitan Council by December 31, 2028.

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution — Identifying the Need for the Metropolitan Council Planning Assistance Grant and Authorizing an Application

Member introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE NEED FOR FUNDING TO COMPLETE ITS 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE ANDAUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS the City of Brooklyn Center must review and update its comprehensive plan as required by the “decennial” review provision of Minnesota Statutes section 473.864 , subdivision 2; and

WHEREAS, on December 17 2025, the Metropolitan Council adopted need-based eligibility criteria for awarding available local planning assistance grant funds and established maximum grant amounts, including bonus incentive grants, for eligible grantees to help grantees review and update their comprehensive plans as required by the “decennial” review provisions of Minnesota Statutes section 473.864, subdivision 2; and

WHEREAS, the City is an eligible city, county, or town in the metropolitan area as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 473.121; AND

WHEREAS, planning assistance grant funds will be made available to eligible applicants subject to terms and conditions contained in Metropolitan Council grant agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, that

Authorizes its City Council to:

1) submit on behalf of the City an application to the Metropolitan Council for Local Planning Assistance grant funds for the decennial review and update of the City’s local comprehensive plan required under Minnesota Statutes section 473.864; and

2) execute on behalf of the City a grant agreement with the Metropolitan Council for planning assistance grant funds.

RESOLUTION NO.

June 08, 2026
Date

Mayor

ATTEST:
City Clerk

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member

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: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM: Ian Alexander, Economic Development Manager, Amy Loegering, Economic Development Coordinator
THROUGH: Jason Aarsvold, Ehlers
BY: Amy Loegering, Economic Development Coordinator
SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of the Nomination of Census Tracts to be Designated Under Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program

Requested Council Action:

- Motion to Approve a resolution in support of the nomination of census tracts to be designated under Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0.

Background:

Opportunity Zones became a permanent component of the tax code in 2025, known as Opportunity Zone 2.0, or OZ 2.0 (the “program”). The program allows nomination of eligible Federal Census Tracts to the program every 10 years. Nomination of eligible Federal Census Tracts is conducted through the states; in Minnesota, this process is managed by Minnesota Counties, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (“DEED”) and the Office of the Minnesota Governor Timothy Walz, and guidelines and benefits are managed at the Federal level.

Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool that encourages investment into economically distressed areas by providing benefits for long-term private sector investment that supports projects that create jobs, increase residential housing, increase or improve infrastructure, and promote redevelopment and business and industrial development. These benefits come at no cost to the City or its residents.

Staff have identified three census tracts, 27053020201, 27053020400 and 27053020500 that meet Federal guidelines and are eligible to be Opportunity Zones. These tracts comprise the majority of the City’s commercial district, including Shingle Creek Crossings, the Opportunity Zone, and the overall Heritage Center commercial district, as well as other EDA-owned sites.

Staff recommend that City Council approve a resolution in support of the nomination of census tracts to be designated under Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0.

Budget Issues:
None

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City Council Resolution — Supporting the Designation of Certain Census Tracts as Opportunity Zones

Member ________________________ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution No.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF CENSUS TRACTS TO BE DESIGNATED UNDER FEDERAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (MN DEED) in partnership with Minnesota Governor Timothy Walz, identified Federal Census Tracts 27053020201, 27053020400 and 27053020500, located in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota as eligible for the Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program commences on January 1st, 2027, and expires on December 31st, 2036, with identification and nomination of eligible Federal Census Tracts currently occurring. Applicable program guidelines and benefits are managed at the Federal Government Level with benefits to residents, businesses, and investors; and

WHEREAS, Opportunity Zones are census tracts that serve as an economic development tool to encourage investment in economically distressed communities with long term investments made to job creation, infrastructure, residential real estate, redevelopment, business and industrial development and contribute to overall community and economic health; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn Center would greatly benefit from this vitalization program that will help create positive generational impact, including job creation, infrastructure, residential real estate, redevelopment, and business and industrial development, contributing to the overall community and economic health; and

WHEREAS the City of Brooklyn Center has the capacity to coordinate with Hennepin County, MN DEED and the Office of Minnesota Governor Timothy Walz to designate Federal Census Tracts 27053020201, 27053020400 and 27053020500 as tracts included in the Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Brooklyn Center hereby supports designation of Federal Census Tracts 27053020201, 27053020400 and 27053020500 as tracts included in the Federal Opportunity Zone 2.0 Program as described above and directs City Staff to proceed with all matters related thereto.

Date:___________________________ ____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____________________________

City Clerk

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

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution as declared duly passed and adopted.

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM:
THROUGH:
BY: Shannon Pettit, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing June 6, 2026, as Swedish National Day

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to accept the Proclamation Recognizing June 6, 2026, as Swedish National Day

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Swedish National Day

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 6, 2026, AS SWEDISH NATIONAL DAY

WHEREAS, Swedish National Day is celebrated annually on June 6 and commemorates the rich history, heritage, and enduring traditions of the people of Sweden; and

WHEREAS, Swedish Americans have played an important role in shaping the cultural, economic, educational, and civic life of communities throughout the United States, bringing with them a strong tradition of hard work, innovation, community service, and democratic values; and

WHEREAS, generations of Swedish immigrants and their descendants have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of our nation while preserving and sharing their cultural heritage through language, arts, music, literature, cuisine, and community celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the bonds of friendship between the United States and Sweden are founded upon shared commitments to democracy, human rights, innovation, sustainability, and international cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Swedish National Day provides an opportunity to recognize the many contributions of Swedish Americans, celebrate Sweden's cultural legacy, and honor the enduring connections between our communities and the Swedish people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Graves, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Center, on behalf of the Brooklyn Center City Council and residents of Brooklyn Center, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2026, as Swedish Nation Day and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the rich heritage, traditions, and contributions of Swedish Americans and the enduring friendship between the United States and Sweden.

June 8, 2026 ______________________ ______________________________
Date *Mayor*

*ATTEST:*______________________________
City Clerk

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM:
THROUGH:
BY: Shannon Pettit, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing and Acknowledging June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Freedom Day

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to accept the Proclamation Recognizing and Acknowledging June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Freedom Day

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Juneteenth

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING JUNE 19, 2026, AS JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as "Freedom Day," commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to inform the last remaining enslaved African Americans of their freedom—more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation took effect; and

WHEREAS, more than 41.1 million people of African and African American descent live in the United States, according to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau, and

WHEREAS, 33.9% of Brooklyn Center residents identify as African or African American, contributing significantly to the city's cultural, civic, and economic vitality and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1619, the first enslaved Africans were brought to colonial Virginia, and millions were forced into slavery.

WHEREAS, Juneteenth serves as both a celebration of Black freedom and a day of reflection, education, and commitment to equity, justice, and

WHEREAS, in 2021, President Joe Biden signed legislation officially declaring Juneteenth a federal holiday after years of advocacy from Black communities and leaders across the country and

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn Center honors Juneteenth as a critical marker in American history and a time to uplift the voices, stories, and ongoing contributions of African and African American residents and

WHEREAS, the City of Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park will host their annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at North Hennepin Community College to commemorate this day with community, culture, and reflection.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Graves, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Center, on behalf of the City Council, staff, and residents, do hereby proclaim Thursday, June 19, 2026, as Juneteenth Freedom Day in the City of Brooklyn Center

We call upon all residents to join in celebrating, educating, and recognizing the continued resilience, contributions, and history of African and African American communities in Brooklyn Center.

June 8, 2024 ______________________ ______________________
Date *Mayor*

*ATTEST:*______________________
City Clerk

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM:
THROUGH:
BY: Shannon Pettit, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing and Acknowledging June 2026 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to accept the Proclamation Recognizing and Acknowledging June 2026 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:
1. June Pride Month

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING AND ACKNOWLEDGING JUNE 2026 AS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has long been coming for many Americans. Some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, in the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQIA+) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQIA+ citizens rose up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional. In the four decades since, civil rights for LGBTQIA+ people have grown substantially, and LGBTQIA+ pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, while civil rights are advancing, there is still further progress needed; it is essential to recognize and celebrate the substantial gains that have been achieved; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ residents in Brooklyn Center represent our families, friends, neighbors, teachers, employees, and community leaders. Across all religions, races, and communities, LGBTQIA+ people are helping us become a perfect union in reaching our ideals proclaimed in our Declaration of Independence that all "people" are created equal and deserve to be embraced and treated as equals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Graves, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Center, on behalf of the Brooklyn Center City Council and residents of Brooklyn Center, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month" in the City of Brooklyn Center and call upon its residents to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists and celebrate the diversity of our community.

June 8, 2024
Date

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Mayor

*ATTEST:*_______________________________
City Clerk

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM:
THROUGH:
BY: Shannon Pettit, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing June 2026 as Caribbean American Heritage Month

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to accept the Proclamation Recognizing June 2026 as Caribbean American Heritage Month

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Caribbean American Heritage Month

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS CARIBBEAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized throughout the United States as Caribbean American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich history, culture, traditions, and contributions of Caribbean Americans to our nation; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans have made significant contributions to the economic, social, cultural, educational, scientific, and political advancement of the United States, enriching communities across the country through their leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship, and public service; and

WHEREAS, the diverse peoples and cultures of the Caribbean have strengthened the fabric of American society by sharing vibrant traditions in music, art, literature, cuisine, and cultural expression that continue to inspire and unite communities; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean Americans have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a steadfast commitment to excellence, contributing to the growth and prosperity of our communities while preserving their unique cultural heritage for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the achievements of Caribbean Americans, celebrate the enduring ties between Caribbean nations and the United States, and promote greater understanding, appreciation, and respect for the diversity that strengthens our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Graves, Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Center, on behalf of the Brooklyn Center City Council and residents of Brooklyn Center, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as Caribbean American Heritage Month and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the history, culture, achievements, and lasting contributions of Caribbean Americans to our community, our state, and our nation.

June 8, 2026 ______________________________

Date *Mayor*

*ATTEST:*______________________________

City Clerk

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM:
THROUGH:
BY: Kat Ellgren, Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Brooklyn Bridge Alliance For Youth Presentation

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to accept the presentation

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:
1. City of BC - BBAY Presentation 2026

Brooklyn Bridge Alliance for Youth

Est. 2013

Our Mission

The BBAY is a backbone organization that coordinates the efforts of partners to build a system of high-quality, accessible, and fully resourced opportunities that address systemic disparities in **graduation, pathways to college and career and youth safety and wellbeing**.

Our Goals:

1. Increase in partners' ability to respond and transform in response to youth needs & aspirations
2. Increase is youth leading community change while developing their skills.
3. Increase in BBAY partner results in eliminating predictable disparities in graduation, pathways to college and career, and safety & wellbeing.

Our Partners:

2026 Priorities

#1 Actively moving forward together with youth partnership and action

1. Expand youth leadership, engagement and voice.
2. Implement the **2026 Youth to Youth Survey** to amplify youth needs and aspirations.
3. Implement **Elevate Youth Programs**.
4. Be a resource hub & diversify funding.

#2 Developing adult partners capacity to accomplish our shared vision

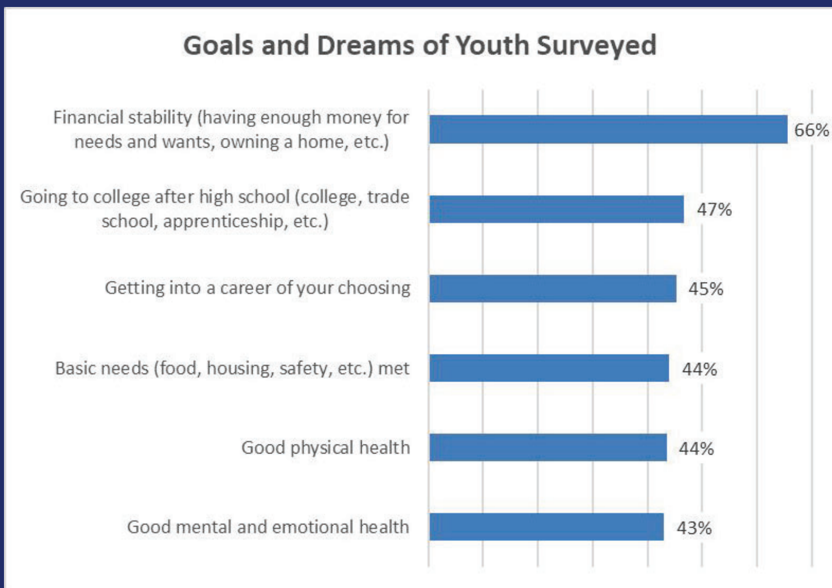
1. Implement the **Reimagine Black Youth Mental Health Initiative**.
2. Strengthen our mutual communications.
3. Renew our Joint Powers; on paper and in action - mobilize our partners to participate & collaborate.

Engaging Youth

Biennial Youth to Youth Survey

- Youth Data Squad planned and implemented the survey - gathering insights from various youth in the Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and surrounding areas.
- Summer of 2024, **411** youth were surveyed.
- What are youth needs and aspirations?
  - Goals and Dreams
  - Mental Health
  - Relationships
  - Safety
  - Technology
  - Interests
- **This data shapes ALL our programming efforts.**

Key Findings on Goals and Dreams



Comparison from past 2022 survey:

- Financial Stability both being #1 (higher % this year).
- Shift from physical, mental and emotional health towards financial stability, college, and career.
- The data aligns with BBAY's mission statement.

Key Findings on Key Themes

Mental Health

- "Having time for myself" top answer (87%)
- "Having positive relationships with others"(75%)
- "Feeling self love" (75%)

Relationships with Adults

- Being respectful, supportive, and understand how they feel

Safety

- 1 in 5 youth indicated they have been a target of hate or bullying based on their identity at school within the last school year
- Only 53% of youth indicating they would likely report if it happened to them

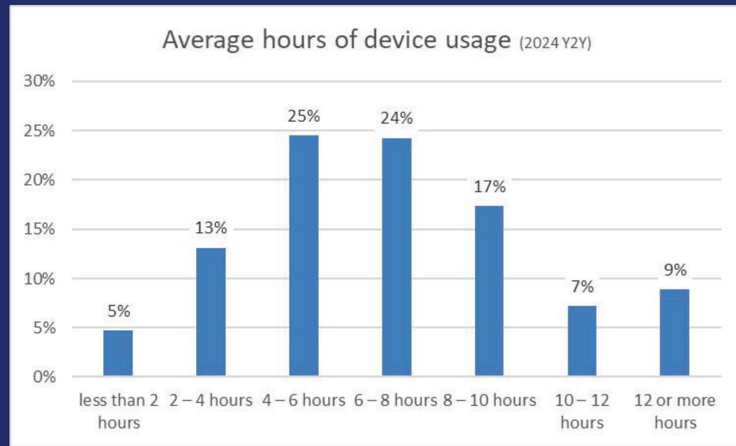
Key Findings on Key Themes

Technology

- Top reasons help: Entertainment (77%) and Connect with friends (69%)
- Top reasons harm: Distraction (69%) and Lose sleep (53%)

Interests

- Sports (basketball, volleyball)
- Things to do (art and dance, movie nights, safe spaces to be in)
- Facilities (bigger parks, swimming pool, theater)



FOCUS QUESTION

What do you want to know from young people?

Engaging Youth & Adults

to increase graduation, readiness for college & career, wellbeing & safety

Engaging Youth

Reimagine Black Youth Mental Health Initiative est. 2023

- ❖ **shift the narrative** by how we engage young people around mental health
- ❖ **strengthen the ecosystem of support** by convening our Advisory Council
- ❖ **change the conditions that are causing unwellness** by saturating young people with protective factors and advancing youth-centered policy

POLICY PRIORITY: "Keep Black Youth Safe At All Times".

Reimagine + City of BC Highlights

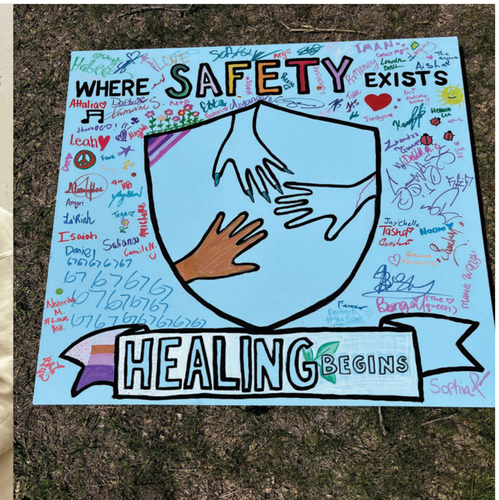
- ➔ Mayor & Council member presence at youth events
- ➔ Summits held at Rec Center

RBYMH SAFETY SUMMIT

- ❖ May 8th, 2026
- ❖ In partnership with BBAY members, MDH, Graves & Medica Foundation, and ProtectMN
- ❖ Roughly 120 youth and adult partners attended from all school districts
- ❖ 97 responses to the risk and protective factor survey that will help us shape further data collection and action

Purpose of Summit:

- ❖ space for young people to share their experiences related to violence
- ❖ envision the changes they want to see
- ❖ participate in healing activities and collective support
- ❖ give input on the risk & protective factors that matter most to them
- ❖ **“where safety exists, healing begins”**



<u>Youth centered policy</u>

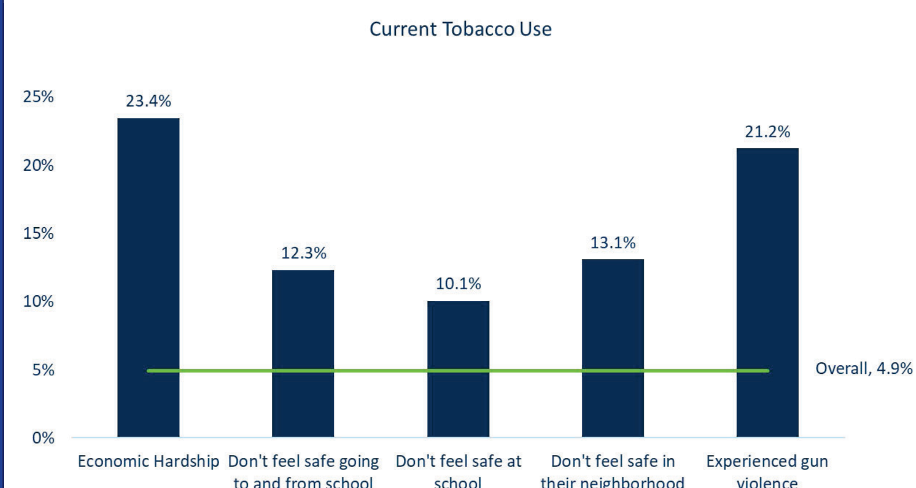
Reimagine Black Youth Mental

- ❖ **Strengthen the ecosystem** by saturating young people with protective factors and advancing youth-centered policy related to tobacco
- ❖ Issue: exposure to VAPE and tobacco
- ❖ Exploring the impact and intersections of Tobacco, Vape and other chemicals on Mental Health & experiences of violence.
- ❖ Goal: Understand the policies that **<u>would work</u>** in protecting Black youth and families in the Brooklyns from intergenerational harms

Next Steps

- ❖ Youth Review of data from MN Student Survey, proximity to tobacco, policies from other cities (Summer), Youth to Youth Survey Summer 2026
- ❖ Prepare recommendations for program, policy and process actions that protect youth. (Fall 2026)

Commercial tobacco use among students Economic Hardship, Safety, and Gun Violence



- Commercial tobacco use is higher among students who have experienced economic hardship or gun violence.

Engaging Youth - ACLG

- Minnesota Dept. of Education 3 year grant 2024-2027
- Focus on students who are underserved
- 4 sites & Unduplicated youth
  - Cooper (67)
  - Champlin Park (210)
  - Brooklyn Center HS (63)
  - Park Center (72)
- Outreach & Youth involved in Evaluation
- Afterschool - engaging 412 students this school year
- 6 week summer program - engaging 160 this summer

Engaging Youth - ACLG

Culturally Responsive Tutoring

- After School study and homework space catered to the needs of young people.
- Currently operating at Cooper HS & re-launching at BCHS.
- Employing both adult lead and peer tutors to support academic success and excitement for learning.

Affinity Groups

- Identity-affirming spaces that foster belonging, peer connection, and student voice, while supporting social-emotional well-being and leadership development.
- Culturally responsive affinity groups across partner school sites: Latino Circle, Black Student Unions, African Student Association, and Hmong Club.

Engaging Youth - ACLG

Youth OnBoard (YOB)

- YOB is intended to help young people gain leadership skills and connect them to incredible opportunities
- Skill-building space to support young people voicing their perspectives and lived experience to create systems change on boards and commissions
- Train adults to prepare for youth who join their table.
- **Currently 6 youth seated**
- **92 youth engaged across 4 sites**

Engaging Youth & Adults

GO Expo - Youth Day at Hennepin County 4/29

- Purpose: Connect youth to public-sector careers, advisory leadership opportunities, and understand County government.
- Partners: Education Support Services, HC Workforce Development, County Advisory Boards, BBAY Youth OnBoard (YOB.
- Youth met county Cmr. Lunde, explored career stations, received professional headshots*, and toured county government spaces.
- @ Government Center & 625 Building
- Impact: Builds career awareness, civic engagement, and direct connections between youth and county decision-makers.

Engaging Youth - ACLG

Elevate Youth! Summer Program

- FREE - Six-week, theme-based summer program for middle and high school youth.
- Three Sites this summer; potentially a 4th Summer Academic Support Site at Park Center
- **Focus:** Wellness, leadership, youth voice, and skill-building.
- **Approach:** Youth-centered sessions with trusted adults and community partners.
- **Engagement:** Daily creative activities, hands-on learning, field trips.
- **Impact:** Builds confidence, connection, and readiness for the school year ahead.

Engaging Adults

Building our partners capacity to serve all youth

BBA Services to Partners & Community

Strategic Partners for Change

Coordination

- Mobilize and coordinate response to youth needs* (close the gap between youth and institutions that serve them)
- Sustainable asset-based resource development*
- Strategic planning
- Participatory facilitation
- Crisis response and thought partnership
- Systems change

Engagement

- Amplify youth voice and input
- Cultivate youth led Initiatives
- Youth leadership development
- Youth centered systems & policy development
- Capacity building for effective youth & adult partnerships
- Intercultural Development and Conflict (IDI, ICS)
- Developmental approach for professional development

Research & Innovation

- Equity assessments
- Participatory evaluation & action research
- Youth participatory action research (YPAR)
- Youth program quality assessment (YPQA)
- Human centered program, process and policy design
- Evaluation capacity building, development & training
- Continuous equitable quality improvement (M3)

Shared Goal: Expand Equitable Access to Recreation and Parks

BBAY partnership with Parks and Recreation 2023-2025

Statewide Health Improvement Program

- In 2020, there was a shift towards supporting systems change efforts to address disparities in accessing resources that support residents health and wellbeing.
- Hennepin County SHIP approved a project for the City of Brooklyn Center in 2023 - in partnership with BBAY.
- Our goal: increase equitable access to health, wellness, recreation programs and services.
- The work:
  - Equity Action Projects to expand access
  - Staff development & training
  - Documenting policy, practice and processes changes

Using Qualitative Data to Improve Programming

Evaluation Advisory → **Interview Findings** → **Staff Receive Findings and Create Action Plan for 2026**

Evaluation Advisory

- Community Advisory Group - including staff
- Interviews with community: Perceptions, needs, and recommendations

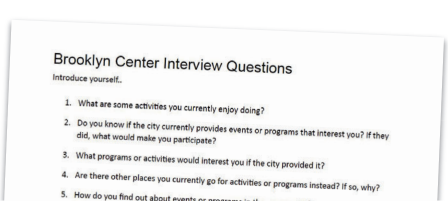
Interview Findings

- Majority positive perceptions and experiences e.g. cultural events
- Want: programming for teens, adult skill building, & sports
- Barriers: transportation, language, awareness & representation
- Recommend: Cultural events, whole family, outreach & representation

Staff Receive Findings and Create Action Plan for 2026

Goals:

- ➢ Increase cultural representation within staff, programs, and events
- ➢ Refine our offerings to reach those we don't already serve
- ➢ Intentionally market opportunities for participation in diverse & consistent ways



Brooklyn Center Interview Questions

Introduce yourself..

1. What are some activities you currently enjoy doing?
2. Do you know if the city currently provides events or programs that interest you? If they did, what would make you participate?
3. What programs or activities would interest you if the city provided it?
4. Are there other places you currently go for activities or programs instead? If so, why?
5. How do you find out about events or programs in th...

Sharing the good work:

3 one-pagers to uplift the story of how Recreation is expanding equity

Breaking Barriers in Aquatics: Empowering Youth and Expanding Access

Drowning rates for Black individuals under 30 are 1.5x higher than White peers

Black lifeguards make up roughly 5% of the workforce in this area

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Youth who wanted to be lifeguards with no swimming experience

Unique partnership with Brooklyn Center Schools

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Reciprocal Learning Model: youth both teach and learn how to swim with one another

- **17 youth taught since fall 2024**
- **29 enrolled for fall 2025 semester**
- **3 youth hired into aquatics roles**
- **24% of staff identify as Black or African American (up from 17% in previous year)**

Changing perceptions on who can be lifeguards, finding a job and earn a good wage doing so, serve their own communities

Shared Goal: Increase safety and wellbeing

BBAY partnership with the City of Brooklyn Center

Connect and Support City Efforts

Juneteenth Celebration

June 2026

- Shared goal: Increase community safety and wellbeing through cultural connection.
- Support Planning and find meaningful ways for youth to be involved.
- Market and promote to increase participation.
- Attend the event and assist in continuous improvement efforts.

Community Health Fair

August 2026

- Shared goal: Support community access to health and safety resources.
- Market and promote the event with youth and families in our programming.
- Attend the event and assist in continuous improvement efforts.

Sharing Youth to Youth Survey Findings

Fall 2026

- Shared goal: Respond to the needs of youth to advance positive youth development.
- Disaggregate data for the City and share results with City partners.
- Explore opportunities for existing programs to pivot or shift to respond to emerging needs.
- Support partnerships with other BBAY partners to accomplish shared goals.

Brooklyn Bridge ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH

Whats next?

1. Continue to strengthen youth leadership and adult capacity building.
2. Continue to leverage resources from state, philanthropic and others to benefit our community.
3. Affirm our Joint Powers & use data to shape our new Strategic plan in 2027.

Thank you

Rebecca Gilgen, Executive Director

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM: Carissa Goebel, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
THROUGH: Cordell Wiseman, Director of Parks & Recreation
BY: Carissa Goebel, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
SUBJECT: Centerbrook 2025 End of Year Budget Update

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to accept the presentation

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>
1. 1Centerbrook 2025

Centerbrook

Centerbrook Golf Course

Cordell Wiseman, Recreation Director
Steve Makowske, Golf Course Superintendent

Centerbrook Golf Course

	2024 Actual	Unaudited 2025 Actual	2025 Budget	% of Budget
Total Operating Revenues	316,184	344,458	406,500	84.74%
Non-operating Revenues	199			
Total Revenues	**316,383**	**344,458**	**406,500**	**84.74%**
Operating Expenses	409,039	450,385	530,957	84.83%
Income Before Capital Outlay & Depreciation	**(92,656)**	**(105,927)**	**(124,457)**	**85.11%**
Transfers In	160,271	155,000	155,000	100.00%
Non-operating Expenses	45,384	63,444	63,448	99.99%
Net Income (Loss)	**22,231**	**(14,371)**	**(32,905)**	**43.67%**

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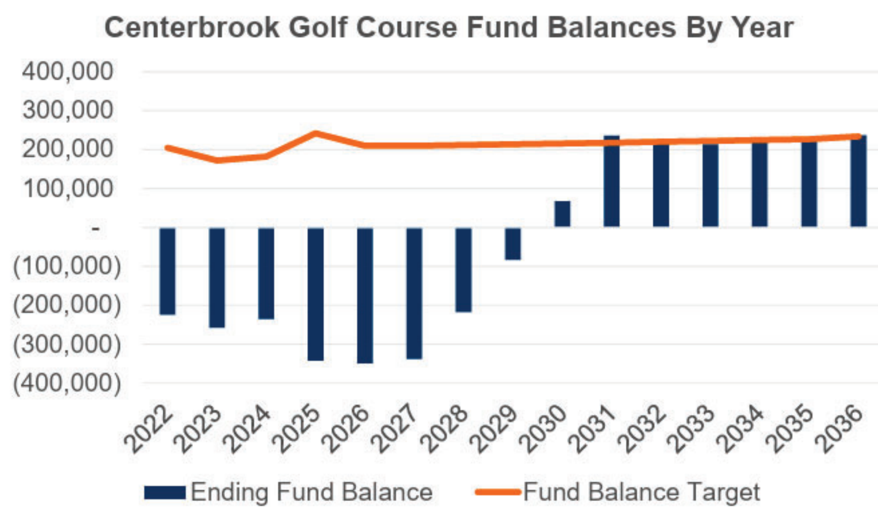
Centerbrook Golf Course Fund

- Target Fund Balance
  - ✓ Special revenue fund
  - ✓ Goal = 40% operating expenditures
- Primary Funding Sources
  - ✓ Charges for Services
  - ✓ General Fund transfers-in
- Funding Plan
  - ✓ 5% annual increases to charges for services
  - ✓ 2027 to 2031 transfers-in: $231k average per year to build fund balance
  - ✓ 2031 to 2034 transfers-in: $42k per year to maintain fund balance
  - ✓ Transfers end by 2035
- No current CIP for this fund



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Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: City Council
FROM: Tami Buetow-Staples, Director of Sales
THROUGH: Cordell Wiseman, Director of Parks & Recreation
BY: Carissa Goebel, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation
SUBJECT: Heritage Center 2025 End of Year Budget Update

Requested Council Action:
- Motion to accept the presentation

Background:

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Heritage Center 2026 Budget Presentation

Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center

Cordell Wiseman, Recreation Director
Tami Buetow-Staples, General Manager
Diamone Allen, Operations Director

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Heritage Center of Brooklyn Center:

- Built on historic grounds and long known in the Twin Cities, our venue has hosted generations of proms, graduations, weddings, conferences, and celebrations of life. Today, as The Heritage Center, we carry the best of that legacy forward—modernizing the experience, elevating service, and keeping the warmth, story, and sense of place that people love

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Heritage Center Specifications

- 40,000 square feet of conference and event space
- Complete catering services provided on-site
- 7 - 11 unique event spaces
- Can host events from 15 up to 2,000 people
- Outdoor courtyard to host picnics and weddings
- Each space has it's own unique pre-function space for registration or receptions
- Audio visual available in each space
- Custom room sets for each client based on needs
- Sales managers work directly with each client on specific needs
- Set crews set up and strike each space based on detailed event orders
- Mintahoe runs the catering food service for all events

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2025 End of Year Financial Review

(January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

Numbers provided by Ehlers

	2024 Actual	Unaudited 2025 Actual	2025 Budget	% of Budget	
Total Operating Revenues	4,274,508	4,418,000	4,606,575	95.91%	
Total Nonoperating Revenues	3,278	227,696	-	0.00%	
Total Revenues	**4,277,786**	**4,645,696**	**4,606,575**	**100.85%**	Increase in Revenues of +8.6%
Cost of Sales	2,525,998	2,314,041	2,039,700	113.45%	
Gross Profit	1,751,788	2,331,655	2,566,875	90.84%	
Total Operating Expense	**2,111,054**	**2,462,075**	**2,598,483**	**94.75%**	Decrease in Operating Expenses of -8.4%
Income Before Capital Outlay & Depreciation	**(359,266)**	**(130,420)**	**(31,608)**	**-412.62%**	
Depreciation	159,783	21,920	233,400	9.39%	
Capital Outlay	-	11,198	-	0.00%	
Net Income (Loss)	**(519,049)**	**(163,538)**	**(265,008)**	**-61.71%**	-68.5% Reduction in Losses

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2026 Update:
(January 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026)
Numbers provided by Ehlers - Unaudited

	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	2026 Budget	% of Budget
Total Operating Revenues	1,005,751	1,162,149	4,173,073	24.10%
Total Nonoperating Revenues	139	(3)	-	0.00%
Total Revenues	**1,005,890**	**1,162,146**	**4,173,073**	**24.10%**
Cost of Sales-Catering	557,207	588,770	2,065,792	26.97%
Gross Profit	448,683	573,376	2,107,281	21.29%
Total Operating Expense	**552,999**	**561,708**	**2,318,180**	**23.85%**
Income Before Capital Outlay & Depreciation	**(104,316)**	**11,668**	**(210,899)**	-49.46%
Net Income (Loss)	**(104,316)**	**11,668**	**(210,899)**	-49.46%

Note: April and May are very busy months for us, these months are not included in the numbers provided.

2025- 40 events
2026 – 40 events

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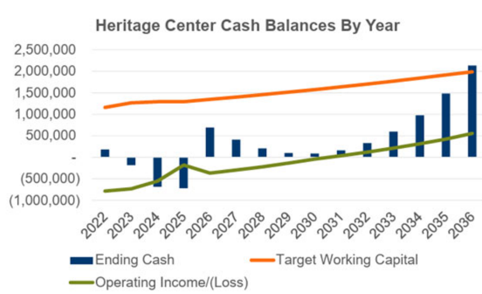
Looking Forward:

Heritage Center Fund

- Target Cash Balance
  - ✓ Goal = 50% operating expenditures
- Primary Funding Sources
  - ✓ Charges for Services
- Additional revenue needed to support fund
  - ✓ Rate increases
    - ➢ 2027-2030: 6% per year
    - ➢ 2021-2036: 5.5% per year
  - ✓ Assumes 10-year $1.6M interfund loan in 2026 from general fund to help negative cash position
- No current CIP for this fund



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