



**New Brighton City Council
Work Session Agenda
New Brighton City Hall | City Council Chambers (Lower Level)
803 Old Hwy 8 NW, New Brighton , MN 55112
5:00 PM May 5, 2026**

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I. Work Session Item

1. 2026-2027 Commission Work Plans



Agenda Section:	Work Session Item
Meeting Date:	May 5, 2026

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ITEM DESCRIPTION: 2026-2027 Commission Work Plans

Action Requested: Discussion

Form of Action: N/A or Other

Votes Needed: N/A

Summary Statement:	<p>Five citizen advisory Commissions play an important role in assisting the City Council and staff with achieving goals and objectives. Each Commission is also supported by a staff liaison and City Council liaison.</p> <p>The May 5th Work Session is a joint meeting between the City Council and Commission Chairs/Vice Chairs to review annual work plans, excluding Planning Commission since their work is clearly directed by Council and statutory requirements.</p> <p>The Chair/Vice Chair of each Commission will share highlights from last year plus the anticipated upcoming meeting topics for their respective Commission. Presenters will rotate every 15 minutes.</p> <p>Work plans typically include topics of interest to Commissioners, conversations initiated by staff, ongoing commitments, and take into consideration staff/budgetary capacity.</p>
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Recommendations:	Provide feedback to capture clarifications and comments on topics that are a high priority to Council.
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Applicable Deadlines:	Per City Code, each Commission provides an annual update to the City Council.
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Community Impact:	Advisory commissions help keep the Council informed about discussions while respecting the commissions’ independence. Strengthening these connections by coordinating work plan strategy helps build trust and ensure local policies reflect the combined interests of Council, residents, businesses, and visitors.
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Legislative History:	None.
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Strategic Priority:	<u>Community Engagement & Belonging</u>
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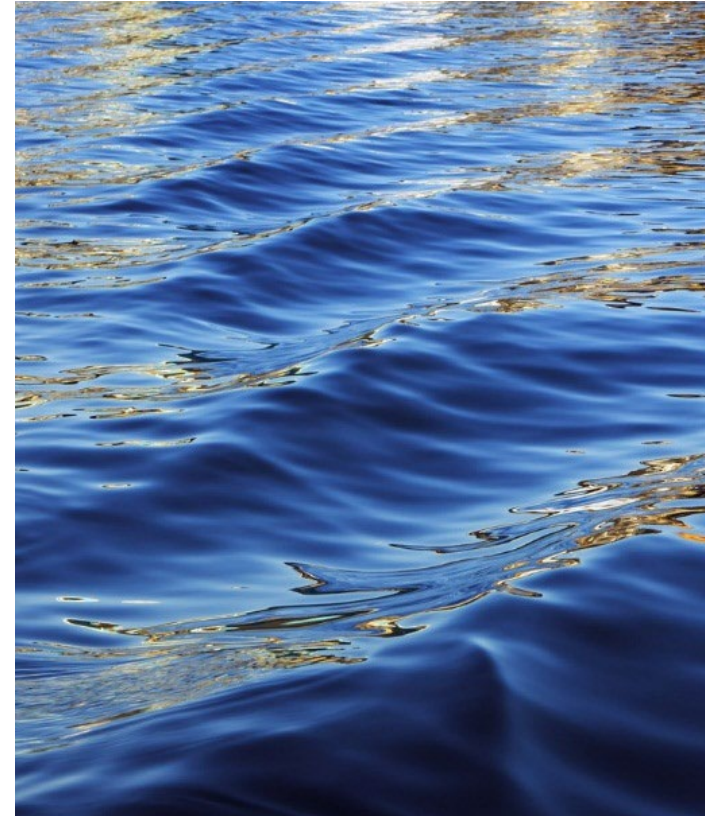
Fiscal Impact:	Financial Consideration?	<u>No</u> Yes
	Revenue/Expenditure Amount:	\$
	Financing Source:	<u>N/A</u>
	Notes:	

Attachments:	1. Council-Commission Meeting_2026-2027 Work Plan Topics
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2026-2027 Commission Work Plans

May 5, 2026



Tonight's Goal

- Rotating updates from each Commission
- Following tonight's conversation, staff liaisons will work with each Commission to incorporate work plan topics into monthly meetings and Commissions will serve as advisors to Council throughout the year

Meeting Structure

- Each Commission Chair & Vice Chair presents two slides:
 - 2025-2026 key topics & accomplishments
 - 2026-2027 proposed work plan themes
- Initiatives related to Council's Strategic Priorities are identified in **blue**
- Rotate to next Commission after 15 minutes
 1. Economic Development Commission
 2. Parks, Recreation, and Environmental Commission
 3. Equity Commission
 4. Public Safety Commission

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Acting Chair – Victoria Prasek

Vice Chair – (vacant)

Staff Liaison – Ben Gozola, Assistant Director DCAD

Council Liaison – Councilmember Jason Steffenhagen

2025-2026 Recap

- Business Contacts Discussed every meeting (fantastic outreach in '25-'26)!
- TIF 101 & TIF district health report
- Stockyard Days Promotion & Support
- Zoning Code Finalization
- Housing Action Plan: Identify topics for study
- Housing Action Plan: Finalize topics
- Housing Action Plan: Critical feedback/direction on the Local Home Improvement Loan program
- Downtown Vision Plan: Feedback & Steering
- Downtown Vision Plan: Design Charrette
- Climate Action Plan Items

2026-2027 Work Plan & Meeting Topics

- Inclusionary **Housing Policy** Review (done)
- Zoning Audit Review
- Housing Developer Outreach Materials Review
- TIF 101 & TIF Health Report
- Stockyard Days
- Downtown Zoning (if grant is secured)
- Residential Zoning Districts update (if grant is secured)
- **Downtown Vision Plan** Phase II (if grant is secured)
- **Brightwood Hills Clubhouse & Housing review**
- **2050 Comp Plan Visioning**

Parks, Recreation & Environmental Commission (PREC)

Chair – Julia O'Rourke

Vice Chair – Abe McEathron

Staff Liaison – Jennifer Fink, Parks & Recreation Director

Council Liaison – Councilmember Graeme Allen

2025-2026 Recap

- **Brightwood Hills Project**
- **Green Building Policy**
- **Climate Action/Partners in Energy Plan** Update
- Public Art
- Interpretive Signage
- Parks Maintenance/Forestry Update
- Jones Lake
- Disc Golf Group
- Ribbon Cuttings

2026-2027 Work Plan & Meeting Topics

- **Continued work on Brightwood Hills Golf Course Clubhouse Project**
- Hansen Park Ribbon Cutting (July 21, 2026)
- **Begin work on Comp Plan refresh – Parks Chapter**
- Staff Presentations (Bi-annual)
 - NBCC Membership and Fitness programs
 - Youth and Family Programming
 - Sports and Aquatics
 - Facilities
 - Scholarship Program
 - GreenCorps Program
- Sponsorship Program
- Vermont Park Design
- **Climate Action Plan Update**

Equity Commission

Chair – Kami Miller

Vice Chair – Cathy Forbes

Staff Liaison – Hue Schlieu, DEI Coordinator

Council Liaison – Emily Dunsworth

2025-2026 Recap

- **Community Engagement**
- Procurement Policy
- **Housing Policy**
- Equity Strategic Action Plan
- Transportation and Busing
- **Communications Plan**
- Childcare
- Program Scholarships
- Attend/Volunteer: Farmers Market, National Night Out, Uplift Traditional Knowledge, Community Lunches, Community Iftar, 2nd Annual Commissioner Forum

2026-2027 Work Plan & Meeting Topics

- **Housing Policies (I)**
- Public Safety Update (E)
- Community Listening Session (S)
- Commissioner Forum (E)
- Connect with Community (S)
- Youth Community Connectors (E)
- Resident Survey Questions (I)
- Procurement Policy (I/E)

(I) = Influence, (E) = Education, (S) = Service

Public Safety Commission

Acting Chair – Kevin Dostal Dauer

Vice Chair – (vacant)

Staff Liaison – Tony Paetznick, Public Safety Director

Council Liaison – Councilmember Jeanne Vint Frischman

2025-2026 Recap

- Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology & policy review
- Parking ordinance review
- Cannabis regulations overview
- Biennial police Body Worn Camera (BWC) audit
- Progress report on Center for Values-Based Initiatives (CVBI) public safety staffing study implementation
- Fire Marshal update on inspections, investigations, and fire prevention/life safety education
- Law enforcement policy manual overview & updates
- Annual review: calls for service, fire incidents, crime stats, traffic stop data, drone/UAV deployments, etc.

2026-2027 Work Plan & Meeting Topics

- Micromobility transportation issues (i.e., e-bikes, e-scooters, & e-motos)
- Municipal licensing review of rental housing (multiple dwelling, single-family, and short-term)
- Police response to emerging crime/activity trends, including but not limited to public park “takeovers,” cybercrime/cryptocurrency scams, politically-motivated violence, etc.
- Visit Emergency Communications Center w/ Ramsey County 911 Appropriate Responses Initiative Update
- Policing partnerships overview (i.e., traffic safety initiative, emergency response teams, records management, etc.)
- Review use of force policy, tactics, & data, including federal & state guidelines and best practices
- Juvenile justice/youth crime alternatives including Northeast Youth & Family Services (NYFS) Youth Pathways program and Ramsey County Attorney’s Office (RCAO) diversion initiatives
- Emergency management function overview and Ramsey County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Annual review: calls for service, fire incidents, crime stats, traffic stop data, drone/UAV deployments, etc.

