1. Call to order

Mayor Spano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jake Spano, Tim Brausen, Steve Hallfin, Rachel Harris, Thom Miller, and Margaret Rog.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Mavity

Staff present: Executive Director (Mr. Harmening), City Clerk (Ms. Kennedy), City Attorney (Mr. Knutson), Community Development Director (Ms. Barton), Deputy City Manager/Human Resources Director (Ms. Deno), Police Chief Harcey, Assistant Zoning Administrator (Mr. Morrison), Senior Planner (Mr. Walther), and Recording Secretary (Ms. Pappas).

Guests: Members of St. Louis Park Police Force; guests of Police Officer Callie Anderson; Meg McCormick, Strut Your Mutt Volunteer; Laura Chamberlain.

1a. Pledge of allegiance
1b. Roll call

2. Presentations

2a. Police officer oath of office

Chief Harcey introduced the police force’s newest officer, Officer Callie Anderson. Ms. Kennedy administered the oath of office to Officer Anderson.

Officer Anderson thanked her family and friends for being present at the ceremony, and everyone in the police department who has been so welcoming and supportive.

Councilmember Harris thanked the police for their work in neighborhoods and asked police to contact council members if they will be servicing constituents so as to forge a relationship between residents, council, and the police.

2b. Best Friends Animal Society Day/Twin Cities Strut Your Mutt proclamation

Mayor Spano read the proclamation stating that on Sept. 28, 2019, at 8 a.m., the Animal Society’s Best Friends Day and Twin Cities Strut Your Mutt event will be held at Wolfe Park.

Ms. McCormick was present to accept the proclamation, and stated the group has the support from police, fire, businesses, and the community, and last year raised $100,000. She thanked the council for their support.
2c. Recognition of donations

Mayor Spano thanked the International Society of Arboriculture for their donation of up to $2,000 for expenses related to Natural Resources Coordinator Jim Vaughan, to attend the 2019 leadership workshop in Atlanta, GA in September.

3. Approval of minutes

3a. City council meeting minutes of Aug. 5, 2019

Councilmember Brausen noted on page 1, at the bottom, it should read “... he also requested staff utilize volunteers as a ready-made focus group for study of access to nature and transportation of youth to the new nature center when the time is appropriate.”

*It was moved by Councilmember Rog, seconded by Councilmember Brausen, to approve the Aug. 5, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Councilmember Mavity absent).*

3b. Study session minutes of Aug. 12, 2019

Councilmember Rog noted on page 2, in the 4th paragraph, it should read “Councilmember Rog stated it is about year-round maintenance of trails, sidewalks and bus stops.” Councilmember Rog also noted on page 5, in the top paragraph, it should read “... she is unsure of the need for six new full-time staff.”

*It was moved by Councilmember Rog, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to approve the Aug. 12, 2019 study session meeting minutes as amended.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Councilmember Mavity absent).*

4. Approval of agenda and items on consent calendar


4b. Approve second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2567-19 vacating portions of drainage and utility easements and approve summary ordinance for publication.

4c. Approve second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2568-19 vacating a portion of a utility easement and approve summary ordinance for publication.

4d. Authorize a professional services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the amount of $303,173 for the final design and construction services for the Historic Walker Lake street and alley reconstruction Phase 2 – project No. 4018-1050.

4e. Adopt Resolution No. 19-098 authorizing conveyance of 7341 Highway 7 property to the EDA.

4f. Adopt Resolution No. 19-099 authorizing installation of permit parking restrictions in front of 3308 Texas Avenue.
4g. Approve out-of-state travel of Councilmembers Anne Mavity, Tim Brausen and Rachel Harris to attend the Rail~Volution Conference in Vancouver, BC on Sept. 6 – 11, 2019.

4h. Adopt Resolution No. 19-100 and Resolution No. 19-101 approving the Assignment and Assumption and the Assignment and Subordination with 10 West End, LLC relative to the Amended and Restated Redevelopment Contract with Duke Realty Limited Partnership.

4i. Adopt Resolution No. 19-102 accepting work and authorizing final payment in the amount of $1,045.62 to Peterson Companies, Inc. for the redevelopment of a fastpitch field at Aquila Park, city contract no. 65-18.

4j. Adopt Resolution No. 19-103 approving acceptance of a monetary donation from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) in an amount not to exceed $2,000 for all related expenses for Jim Vaughan, Natural Resources Coordinator, to attend the 2019 International Society of Arboriculture Leadership workshop in Atlanta, Georgia.

4k. Adopt Resolution No. 19-104 authorizing the special assessment for the repair of the water service line at 3309 Dakota Avenue South, St. Louis Park, MN. P.I.D.16-117-21-23-0122.

It was moved by Councilmember Hallfin, seconded by Councilmember Brausen, to approve the agenda as presented and items listed on the consent calendar; and to waive reading of all resolutions and ordinances.

The motion passed 6-0 (Councilmember Mavity absent).

5. Boards and commissions – none

6. Public hearings – none

7. Requests, petitions, and communications from the public – none

8. Resolutions, ordinances, motions and discussion items

8a. 3745 Louisiana Avenue – comprehensive plan amendment; rezoning of property; zoning text amendment. Resolution No. 19-105.

Ms. Chamberlain presented the report.

Councilmember Brausen asked for confirmation that this amendment and rezoning is the recommendation of staff and the planning commission, for the highest and best use of the area, with changes as noted. Mr. Walther stated that is correct.

Councilmember Brausen also asked for confirmation that this guides any future uses, if they are changed. Mr. Walther confirmed this is also correct.

Councilmember Miller asked if the business park and residential areas are on a literal line or just marked on the parcel. Ms. Chamberlain stated it does not follow a property
line and is approximately located at the driveway entrances at Louisiana Avenue and Monitor Street. She pointed out the existing building lies north of the line and within the business park district and rezoning allows for immediate reuse even without future development of the site. She added that a planned unit development process would be the best approach for prospective developers to best implement the proposed transit-oriented development land use designation.

Councilmember Rog stated there has been great interest in this site and if circumstances change and partnerships were formed, possibly with the YMCA or with the food security project, what are the city’s options and how flexible is the city to accommodate changes at this site. Mr. Walther stated there is always an opportunity to propose an amendment and rezone the land again.

*It was moved by Councilmember Brausen, seconded by Councilmember Harris, to adopt Resolution No. 19-105, approving the amendments to the 2040 comprehensive plan future land use plan map, as well as related figures, tables and text (requires 5 affirmative votes).*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Councilmember Mavity absent).*

*It was moved by Councilmember Brausen, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to approve first reading of ordinance amending the zoning map from C2-General Commercial to BP-Business Park and RC-High Density Multiple Family Residence for the property located at 3745 Louisiana Avenue (requires 4 affirmative votes).*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Councilmember Mavity absent).*

*It was moved by Councilmember Brausen, seconded by Councilmember Miller, to approve first reading of Ordinance adding self-storage facility as a definition within Sec. 36-4 and as an use permitted with conditions in the I-P and I-G zoning districts within the zoning code.*

*The motion passed 6-0 (Councilmember Mavity absent).*

**8b. First reading C-1 zoning district retail and service size limits**

Mr. Morrison presented the staff report.

Councilmember Brausen stated the council did have a lengthy discussion on this issue and it was the consensus of the council to move in this direction.

*It was moved by Councilmember Miller, seconded by Councilmember Harris, to approve first reading of an ordinance pertaining to size limitations for retail and service uses in the C-1 zoning district and set the second reading of the ordinance for Sept. 16, 2019.*

*The motion passed 5-1 (Councilmember Brausen opposed and Councilmember Mavity absent).*
9. Communications – none

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Melissa Kennedy, city clerk                  Jake Spano, mayor