

**Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, November 22, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brad Wiersum called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Council Members Rebecca Schack, Susan Carter, Deb Calvert, Bradley Schaeppi, Kissy Coakley, Brian Kirk and Brad Wiersum were present.

4. Approval of Agenda

Calvert moved, Kirk seconded a motion to accept the agenda with addenda adding Item 14.B. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. November 8, 2021 regular meeting

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

B. October 25, 2021 study session meeting

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

C. November 15, 2021 study session meeting

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to approve the minutes, as presented. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

6. Special Matters: None

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

Acting City Manager Mike Funk reported on upcoming city events and council meetings.

Finance Director Darin Nelson discussed how the city's AAA bond rating was reaffirmed by Moody's this week and congratulated the city on its financial efforts.

Wiersum thanked staff for all of their efforts to achieve and maintain the AAA bond rating.

Calvert reported her thoughts were with the local officials in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Calvert stated the National League of Cities held a summit via Zoom last week. She explained she served on the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee for this organization. She thanked the City of Minnetonka for allowing her to participate as a committee member.

Wiersum commented he received a call from Eden Prairie Mayor Ron Case regarding an individual who was victimized in their home. He stated this call led to conversation on the uptick in crime over the past year and noted a joint meeting between the Mayors, Police Chiefs and City Managers was being scheduled for the cities of Minnetonka, Eden Prairie, Bloomington, Plymouth and Edina to discuss how to address how the city can be diligent in addressing crime. He noted this joint meeting would be held on Friday, December 17.

Wiersum reported the city would begin the hiring process for the new city manager after the first of the year.

8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters not on the Agenda: None

9. Bids and Purchases: None

10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

Schack requested Item 10.C be pulled for further discussion.

A. Revision to Finance Policy Number 4.3, Payments Made by Electronic Funds Transfer

Kirk moved, Carter seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-121 the revised electronic payments policy 4.3. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

B. 2022 Fee Schedules for Consulting Engineering Services

Kirk moved, Carter seconded a motion to approve the fee schedules. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

C. Resolution approving and extension of a site and building plan for Chabad Center for Jewish Life located at 11021 Hillside Lane, 2327, 2333, 2339, and 2345 Hopkins Crossroad

This item was pulled for further discussion.

D. Strategic Profile Quarter Three Report

Kirk moved, Carter seconded a motion to approve strategic profile quarter three report. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

C. Resolution approving and extension of a site and building plan for Chabad Center for Jewish Life located at 11021 Hillside Lane, 2327, 2333, 2339, and 2345 Hopkins Crossroad

Schack discussed a letter that was attached to this request noting Rabbi Grosbaum anticipated they would start on the permitting process soon. She questioned if this process had begun. City Planner Loren Gordon reported he had been in touch with the applicant and he understood the applicant was working on the conditions for the site development permit and has provided the building official with plans.

Schack stated it would be nice to see this item moving forward in the right direction.

Carter questioned if there were some homes involved in this project. Gordon explained this was the case and noted Rabbi Grosbaum would be living in one of the proposed homes.

Carter commented on how this project had been delayed over time and questioned if this could be the last extension for this application. Gordon indicated the city's policy was to allow for five extensions. He noted after five the project would have to go through the public engagement process again. He clarified this was the applicant's second extension.

Schack moved, Carter seconded a motion to approve the extension. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes:

A. Mobile Camera Trailer CIP Amendment

Schaeppi stated he appreciated how staff had used data and feedback from the public to present information to the council and that the police department would have an extra tool to assist with addressing speeding traffic.

Calvert commended the police department for managing their budget so well that this purchase could be made. She indicated she would like to hear back from the Police Chief on the data being collected from the trailer in the future.

Calvert moved, Coakley seconded a motion to amend the 2021-2025 CIP to allow the purchase of the mobile camera trailer in the 2021. All voted "yes."
Motion carried.

12. Introduction of Ordinances: None

13. Public Hearings: None

14. Other Business:

A. Moratorium on Tobacco Licenses

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack gave the staff report.

Coakley asked what the concern was with the application were and questioned what was the proximity to the schools. Wischnack explained the proximity to schools was a concern along with the number of stores in the city.

Schaeppi commented he would like to better understand the link to the teenagers and requested staff present the council with more data. He noted he was not protobacco but he wanted to better understand the harm of the proposed small business. Wischnack indicated she would bring enforcement outcome data to the council along with any national studies she can find.

Carter stated if the tobacco issue were taken off the table and the idea of a moratorium was made possible for a deeper dive into ordinance revisions and provisions, she could support this matter. She appreciated the fact that staff brought this matter to the council in order to be greater informed on this topic.

Kirk indicated tobacco licenses come with a responsibility to the city to oversee these sales. He explained he supported staff's recommendation regarding the moratorium.

Calvert discussed the price of public health and noted she appreciated the fact staff had brought this matter to the council.

Wiersum asked if the city had broad authority when it came to tobacco licenses like it did with liquor licenses. City Attorney Corinne Heine commented on the history of alcohol cases with the state and federal government. She explained

she was comfortable with the city council putting a moratorium in place in order to allow staff to study the issue further.

Wiersum indicated he supported the city taking a pause and putting a moratorium in place. He stated proximity and density concerns should be addressed.

Calvert moved, Kirk seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-122. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

B. Closed Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations

Wiersum reported a closed session meeting would be held on Monday, November 22 at the Greys Bay Conference Room to discuss labor negotiations.

Kirk moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adjourn the city council meeting to a closed session to discuss law enforcement labor negotiations pursuant to State Statute 13D.03 Subd. 1B. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Wiersum adjourned to a closed session meeting.

Wiersum reconvened the city council meeting from a closed session and provided the public with a summary of the closed meeting.

15. Appointments and Reappointments: None

16. Adjournment

Calvert moved, Schack seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Koosman
City Clerk