

**Minutes
Minnetonka City Council
Monday, May 23, 2022**

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 Kimberly Wilburn (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), 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 for Item 5.A. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A. May 9, 2022 special study session minutes

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

B. May 9, 2022 regular meeting minutes

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

6. Special Matters:

A. Retirement recognition for Accounting Clerk Mari Braatz

Wiersum recognized Accounting Clerk Mari Braatz and thanked her for her 21+ years of dedicated service to the City of Minnetonka. He wished her a long and healthy retirement.

Mari Braatz thanked the mayor and city council for recognizing her. She stated she has made great friends while working at the city, including her supervisor Liz Berger. She explained she has loved her job over the years, as well as living in this community. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

B. Retirement recognition for Assessment Specialist Denise Ostlund

Wiersum recognized Assessment Specialist Denise Ostlund and thanked her for her 23 years of dedicated service to the City of Minnetonka. He wished her a long and healthy retirement.

Denise Ostlund thanked the mayor and council for this recognition and noted she was grateful for her years at the City of Minnetonka. She discussed how her job evolved over the years and stated she has appreciated the work/life balance staff had provided her. She noted she would miss her assessment family but stated she was looking forward to the beginning of something else. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

C. Public Safety Master Plan

Acting City Manager Mike Funk, Fire Chief John Vance, and Police Chief Scott Boerboom gave the staff report.

Schaeppi stated he fully supported the city completing a public safety master plan. He requested further information on why the council should spend \$140,000 on a consultant for this study versus purchasing more equipment. Boerboom commented on the benefit of the study stating being analyzed from an outside source would identify opportunities the fire and police departments may not be aware of. Vance indicated the study would also solidify the viability of fire stations and their locations in order to align public safety goals going forward. He was of the opinion spending money on this study would greatly assist the public safety departments in properly spending taxpayer dollars in the future.

Wiersum explained he believed this study was a valuable investment in the city. He indicated public safety was job number one for the city. He was of the opinion now was the right time for this study and he appreciated the fact the study would be completed by an objective party. Funk commented on how the study would be funded and noted less than 1% of the public safety budget would be spent on this study.

7. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

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

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack reviewed the new pages on the city's website that addressed rental and affordable housing.

Calvert thanked staff for sharing this information. She indicated she was excited about the public safety study noting this information would serve the city well. She commented on the tragedy that happened in Buffalo, New York. She

explained there were 17 mass shootings that weekend in the United States and 128 people lost their life to gun violence and 297 were wounded. She noted there were people in the community that were speaking to the council regarding crime in the city.

Coakley stated she was at the Freewheel Bike Store this past weekend and she learned an employee received a complaint after having their dog off leash in Purgatory Park. She indicated she did not have a problem with dogs being off leash, but she understood how bicyclists may see this as a concern. She encouraged members of the public to be mindful of this concern and to be considerate of others.

Kirk commented last month he reported on public art near the LRT. He discussed the tour he did with Ms. Wischnack of several LRT stations, noting the development within Opus would greatly assist in supporting the LRT station. He indicated he also visited the Shady Oak LRT station noting there was great development potential in this area. He then discussed how public art assists with creating a sense of community.

Schaeppi stated last week he visited Linner Park in Ward 3. He indicated this park has a playground and a small oak forest. He discussed the large amount of buckthorn he found within the park and stated he would like to see the city making an investment in this park. He commented on the heavy lifting the city would have to do to address the buckthorn.

Schack explained she has received positive feedback from the community regarding the Ann Smith property. She noted she appreciated the work that has been done on this site.

Wiersum stated there were 54 parks in Minnetonka and the challenge was that council has to pick and choose what work can be done each year.

Wiersum requested the council to take a moment of silence to remember those who were lost in Buffalo. He reported 10 people were lost in an act of hate. He believed there was no place for hate in this country, in Buffalo, New York, in Minnesota or in Minnetonka. He encouraged the residents of Minnetonka to resolve to be better.

8. Citizens Wishing to Discuss Matters not on the Agenda:

Acting City Manager Mike Funk provided the council with a follow up report on the citizen comments made at the May 9, 2022 city council meeting.

9. Bids and Purchases: None.

Council member Kimberly Wilburn arrived to the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

10. Consent Agenda – Items Requiring a Majority Vote:

- A. Resolution approving the final plat of MONSON MEADOWS at 5500 Rowland Road and an adjacent, unaddressed parcel**

Schack moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-041. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

- B. Strategic Profile Quarter One Report**

Schack moved, Calvert seconded a motion to accept the report. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

11. Consent Agenda – Items requiring Five Votes:

Schaeppi requested Item 11.A be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

- A. Conditional use permit with variances, and a site and building plan review for a fast food restaurant at 15110 Highway 7**

This item was removed for further discussion.

- B. Park Shelter Roof Replacements**

Kirk moved, Calvert seconded a motion to amend the CIP. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

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Schaeppi asked what type of bike parking would be built as part of this project. City Planner Loren Gordon discussed the parking standards within city ordinance. He explained the supply of bike parking was to be adequate for the intended use of the facility.

Wiersum stated he received an email from a ninth grade student at Minnetonka High School asking what the city was doing to encourage biking and to get more cars off the roads. Going forward, he challenged the city to be intentional about bike parking in order to support bicyclists.

Schaeppi moved, Calvert seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-042. All voted “yes.” Motion carried.

12. Introduction of Ordinances:**A. Items concerning Rayito Del Sol, a licensed daycare, at 3520 Williston Road**

City Planner Loren Gordon gave the staff report.

Kirk questioned if this site gets used for overflow parking for open houses. Gordon stated this site was used for overflow parking.

Kirk encouraged staff to consider how to manage overflow parking in the future if this ordinance were approved.

Wiersum asked how it works when a for profit entity rented space from a non-profit entity. City Attorney Corrine Heine stated the area defined for this use will become taxable and if the lease were discontinued the taxpayer would have to notify the county of the change.

Schack moved, Kirk seconded a motion to introduce the ordinance, provide feedback and refer it to the planning commission. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

13. Public Hearings:**A. Temporary on-sale liquor license for The Rotary Club of Minnetonka Foundation, 14600 Minnetonka Blvd**

Community Development Director Julie Wischnack gave the staff report.

Wiersum opened the public hearing.

Chris Rosenlund, Minnetonka Rotary Club Foundation representative, thanked the council for considering his request. He noted this was the first time he has been before the council in person in the past four years. He stated he was very excited about the Minnetonka Summer Fest event. He encouraged the council to consider participating in the Rotary Club noting this group meets every Wednesday at the Eisenhower Community Center from 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Wiersum thanked the Minnetonka Rotary for the tremendous work they do in the community.

There being no further comments from the public, Wiersum closed the public hearing.

Calvert moved, Kirk seconded a motion to hold the public hearing and grant the license. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

14. **Other Business: None.**
15. **Appointments and Reappointments: None.**
16. **Adjournment**

Calvert moved, Kirk seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Koosman
City Clerk