

**Minutes
City of Minnetonka
City Council Study Session
Monday, April 24, 2023**

Council Present: Deb Calvert, Kissy Coakley, Brian Kirk, Kimberly Wilburn, Rebecca Schack and Brad Wiersum

Staff: Mike Funk, Julie Wischnack, Corrine Heine, Scott Boerboom, John Vance, Kevin Fox, Zack Rolighed, Jason Tait, Andy Gardner, Rachael Meehan, Leslie Yetka, Will Manchester, Darin Nelson and Moranda Dammann

1. Call to Order

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

2. Introductions/Roll Call

City staff, councilmembers and consultants introduced themselves.

3. Director presentations

Administration Director/ Assistant City Manager Moranda Dammann presented the Administration 2024 budget preparation. Dammann went over each department's initiatives, successes and challenges.

Councilmembers asked questions and provided feedback.

4. Public Safety Master Plan (police)

Police Chief Scott Boerboom introduced the staff report.

The police and fire departments retained Citygate Associates to conduct a review of Minnetonka public safety services. The review will help guide future decisions and will be used as a tool to improve the relationships between public safety and the community.

Chief Boerboom discussed that the police department study took place over eight months and focused on service and staffing, community risk, and community expectations.

Councilmembers discussed the plan and provided feedback.

5. Public Safety Master Plan (fire)

Fire Chief John Vance introduced the staff report.

Chief Vance discussed the study looked at historical information for fire department operations over the past three years, in addition to listening interviews, and review of physical assets and staffing. Vance said with these key findings and direction from council will give the fire department strategic goals for the next decade.

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Council discussed the plan and provided feedback.

6. Pilot Buckthorn Pickup Program and Resilient Minnetonka Initiative

Natural Resources Manager Leslie Yetka introduced the topic. Yetka stated that council approved \$15,000 to deal with the removal of buckthorn. She reviewed the plan and encouraged neighborhoods to work together. There will be an application process and three to four pick up dates for the program.

Council discussed the program and provided feedback.

7. May study session- topics and dates

Funk summarized the upcoming city council study session agenda items and study session schedule.

8. Adjournment

Wiersum adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Koosman

City Clerk