

**Minutes**  
**Minnetonka City Council**  
**Special Meeting, Monday, Aug. 10, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Brad Wiersum called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**3. Closed session to discuss litigation threatened by Center for Biological Diversity**

Wiersum announced that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a closed session to discuss litigation threatened by the Center for Biological Diversity.

City Attorney Corrine Heine stated that the Center for Biological Diversity had served the city with a notice of intent to sue under the Endangered Species Act, related to the construction of Lone Lake Park. The city has retained outside legal counsel, Jeremy Greenhouse of The Environmental Law Group, to advise the city. Staff recommends that the council meet with the attorney in closed session in order to discuss the threatened litigation. She stated that there is a need for absolute confidentiality so that the council could discuss strengths and weaknesses of the case and obtain direction regarding strategy and potential settlement.

Wiersum requested a motion to adjourn into closed session.

Carter moved, Calvert seconded, a motion to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing the litigation threated by the Center for Biological Diversity with the city's legal counsel, under Minnesota Statute 13D.05. A roll call voted was taken. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

The council reconvened in open session at 6:35 p.m.

4. **Adjournment**

Kirk moved, Calvert seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Koosman  
City Clerk