

**Minutes  
City of Minnetonka  
City Council Study Session  
Monday, Oct. 19, 2020**

**Council Present:** Deb Calvert, Susan Carter, Kissy Coakley, Brian Kirk, Bradley Schaeppi, Rebecca Schack, and Mayor Brad Wiersum.

**Staff:** Geralyn Barone, Mike Funk, Corrine Heine, McKaia Ryberg, Hanna Zinn, Matt Higgins, Julie Wischnack, Will Manchester, Phil Olson, Kelly O'Dea, and Scott Boerboom.

**Guests:** Bill Wells

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

**1. Report from City Manager & Council Members**

Barone highlighted the addenda for the meeting and the upcoming council schedule. Barone also noted that Boerboom will speak on an upcoming event during the Item 3 portion of the study session.

Kirk requested a future discussion of the city ordinances pertaining to residential facilities and the issuance of conditional use permits. Calvert agreed that a discussion of this issue is needed. Wiersum requested that staff follow-up with information regarding neighboring cities' policies on this issue.

Coakley reported she visited a local business to speak on and recognize Disability Awareness Month.

Calvert requested absentee voting statistics for Minnetonka be provided before the election. Barone noted that voting statistics were provided in recent council updates.

Schaeppi suggested that more city communications go out regarding upcoming study sessions, so that council can have as much resident input as possible by the time the study sessions occur.

Wiersum reported he attended a ribbon cutting for the city's community solar garden. He also highlighted a series of League of Minnesota Cities webinars ongoing during the week.

**2. Review speed limit law changes**

Barone introduced the topic.

Olson gave a presentation covering what speed limits are, the 2019 law change pertaining to city authority to set speed limits on local roads, the city's road network, the city's speed data, and options for changes to speed limits.

Boerboom gave a presentation covering police enforcement of speed limits, education

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efforts pertaining to speed limits and safe driving, and crash data.

Council offered their questions and comments.

Councilmembers expressed support for the staff recommendation indicated in the staff report.

**3. Diversity, equity and inclusion discussion**

Barone introduced the topic, and reminded council that as was decided at a previous study session, \$150,000 will be included in the 2021 budget for diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

Boerboom invited the council to an upcoming virtual conversation on policing in the city. Minnetonka police officers and residents will also be in attendance.

Wells gave a presentation covering the current racial climate, effects of the pandemic by race and gender, public opinion of race relations, the definition of and different types of racism, and possible implementation strategies. Council responded to the discussion questions presented.

Barone stated the feedback from the discussion will be used to determine action steps for the strategic objective. Barone indicated those action steps will be presented to council in November.

**4. Adjournment**

Wiersum adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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