Minutes City of Minnetonka City Council Study Session Monday, Nov. 30, 2020

Council Present:

Susan Carter, Deb Calvert, Bradley Schaeppi, Kissy Coakley, Brian Kirk,

Rebecca Schack, and Mayor Brad Wiersum

Staff:

Geralyn Barone, Mike Funk, Corrine Heine, McKaia Ryberg, Dawn Pearson, Darin Nelson, Joel Merry, Julie Wischnack, Kelly O'Dea, Leslie Yetka, Will Manchester, Darin Ellingson, Mike Kuno, and Scott Boerboom

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

1. Reports from City Manager & Council Members

Barone provided an update city facilities and programming in response to the governor's latest health and safety mandate. She also noted that the next regular council meeting will be on December 7.

Kirk reported that he attended neighborhood meetings regarding the Shady Oak Outlet project, and commented on his experience at these meetings. He also reported that the Friends of Lone Lake Park have presented concerns regarding inconsistencies in how the Lone Lake Park mountain bike trail is being constructed, and that it is not in alignment with what was approved by the city council. He requested these inconsistencies be discussed at a future study session in the spring of 2021 so that there is time to address and correct them if needed.

2. Review strategic profile action steps

Funk introduced the topic and gave council and overview of what will be covered and which staff members would be presenting on each of the six strategic priorities.

Nelson gave a presentation on the "Financial Strength and Operational Excellence" strategic priority and the proposed action steps associated with it.

Boerboom gave a presentation on the "Safe and Healthy Community" strategic priority and the proposed action steps associated with it.

Yetka gave a presentation on the "Sustainability and Natural Environment" strategic priority and the proposed action steps associated with it.

Wischnack gave a presentation on the "Livable and Well-Planned Development" strategic priority and the proposed action steps associated with it.

Manchester gave a presentation on the "Infrastructure and Asset Management" strategic priority and the proposed action steps associated with it.

Lastly, Funk gave a presentation on the "Community Inclusiveness" and the proposed action steps associated with it.

Council offered their comments and questions to each of these staff members regarding

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their respective set of action steps.

Funk thanked staff for their contributions to the development of the action steps, and thanked council for their suggestions for how to change and improve the strategic plan. He then outlined the next steps in the process.

Barone thanked council for their efforts in the numerous study sessions held in the development of the strategic plan, and noted this document will be helpful in guiding the development of the budget.

3. 2021 Detailed Budget and Utility Rate Review

Barone gave an overview of the budget process up to this point, and the impending next steps in the process. Barone also highlighted key points regarding the 2021 budget and changes relating to it.

Boerboom provided comment on the allocated purchase of ballistic helmets for fifteen city police officers. Council offered their questions and comments on this.

Barone invited council to provide questions and comments on the staff report for this item.

Barone then gave a presentation on proposed utility rates for 2021 and the results of the utility rates study. Council offered their questions and comments on utilities.

Barone then invited council to offer questions and comments on each individual section of the budget.

Barone thanked council and city staff for their efforts in putting the budget together, and invited council to submit any questions or comments on the budget or levy prior to it being voted on at the December 7 regular council meeting.

4. Adjournment

Wiersum adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elections Specialist